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From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Go to the Top!

January 8, 2003, has been designated by Bishop James D. Leggett as a day of prayer in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Bishop is to be commended for continuing this annual emphasis to begin the new year. The offices in Oklahoma City will be closed for normal activity in order for the staff to spend the day in intercession. The N.C. Conference will follow suit.

Every church, minister, and layperson within the Conference is encouraged to join the leadership in this special day. A schedule is enclosed. Join with the staff as we seek the Lord together.

NC Conference Day of Prayer January 8, 2003

AM Group Prayer and Praise

8:00 Preparation for the Day

8:30 Group Devotional Time – Superintendent

9:00 Prayer for National and State Leaders
Roland Harrell – Leading

9:30 Prayer for General Church Leaders
Superintendent – Leading

10:00 Prayer for Conference Ministers
Danny Nelson – Leading

10:30 Prayer for Church Families in the Conference
Charles Boyd – Leading

11:00 Prayer for Various Conference Boards & Department Leaders
Roland Harrell – Leading

11:30 Prayer for Conference Churches and Office Staff
Charles Boyd – Leading

12:00 Prayer for Evangelism and Church Growth
Danny Nelson – Leading

12:30 Break

PM

2:00 – 4:00
Individual Intercession

4:00 – 5:30
Closing Out the Day

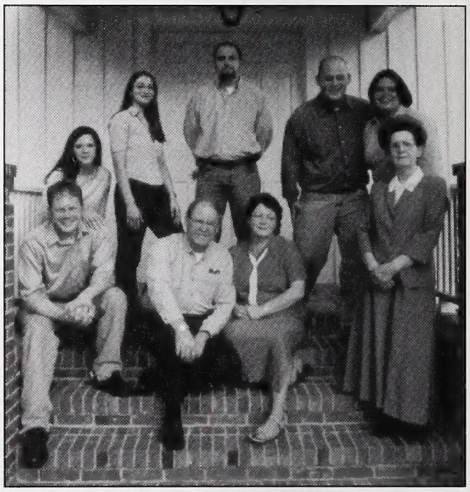
N.C. Conference Minister and Spouse Retreat SPECIAL NEEDS

On March 3-6, 2003, the N.C. Conference Board is hosting a special retreat at Founder's Inn, Virginia Beach, for the ministers and their spouses of the N.C. Conference. This will be a spiritual revival and a blessing to our ministerial couples. **However, they must get there. Some scholarship help is needed.** Many of the couples are on such a fixed budget that they cannot easily work in this added expense. Funds may be sent to the conference office to help – Attention: Superintendent.

The total cost is estimated at $500.00. It breaks down as follows: registration $100.00 (includes 10 meals), other meals $40.00, room $230.00 (3 nights), miscellaneous $30.00, and travel at $100.00.

The event begins on Monday night and continues through Wednesday night. Rev. and Mrs. Stan Lambert from West Virginia will be the primary presenters. The conference board will be leading prayer and discussion groups.

The conference leadership is praying and expecting a mighty move of God.



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Groundbreaking

The rain did not stop the congregation of Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Church from celebrating the groundbreaking for the new Family Life Center. The rain was referred to as liquid sunshine as the crowd gathered outside after the morning worship service. Reverend Chris Thompson, the N.C. Conference Superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, was on hand to perform the ceremonial groundbreaking. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring. "This has been a long time in the making. God has been preparing Trinity for such a time as this," emphasized Pastor T.P. Davis. "By His grace, we have been growing steadily and are in need of more space."

Trinity was built at its current location in 1990. Even though the church has been in existence for over 50 years now, they are the youngest Pentecostal Holiness church in the area. The church was formerly located in Darlington and was known as Darlington Pentecostal Holiness Church. Pastor Davis invites all who want to experience a moving of God's Spirit to come and join them on Sundays and Wednesdays. Every Sunday we see new faces and new commitments to God. Reaching out and ministering to our community is what we have been called to do, and the Family Life Center will allow us to do just that in a mighty way. A basketball court, sound system, stage, commercial kitchen, and classrooms will allow for a variety of ministries to take place simultaneously.

Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Holiness by Grace: Delighting in the Joy That Is Our Strength

by Bryan Chappell. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books, 2001. 288 pages.

Ever striving, never measuring up and obtaining is a frustrating way to live the Christian life, and yet so many find themselves trying to do just that in terms of obtaining spiritual maturity and victory. Holiness by mere zeal and determination ultimately fails. Holiness by impressing God with our own holiness and good deeds is futile and vain. Holiness by legalism binds and blinds. Legalism fails to liberate. Holiness by human ability measured by human achievement leads to despair with some, and pride with others. After all, when is enough, enough? Anxiety builds as we wonder whether or not we crossed every "t" and dotted every "i" in living the holy life. How can God expect us to be as holy as He is? It is unattainable, an impossible goal. No Christian will ever be as holy as God is holy. He alone is infinitely holy. All we can ever expect is to share in His holiness.

According to Chappell, our perfection is not the requirement for entering God's kingdom although the believer glorifies God by living righteously and soberly in this present world. The author contends that holiness is by God's grace, a grace that He alone can provide. Since holiness is by grace, living holy becomes a joy and a delight instead of drudgery and constant disappointment and despair.

Holiness by grace can be a liberating experience. If God requires holiness, and the Scriptures are clear that He does, then He must provide the holiness He so desires in us. This

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brings rest to the soul and joy to the heart.

The publication consists of three main divisions: (1) Principles of grace, (2) Practices of faith, and (3) Motives of love. There are ten chapters. Discussion questions are provided for each chapter creatively designed for a Sunday School course or a Wednesday night series. The book also would be a great resource for homiletical material.

Brothers, We Are Not Professionals: A Plea to Pastors for Radical Ministry

by John Piper. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2002. 285 pages.

"We pastors are being killed by the professionalizing of the pastoral ministry. The mentality of the professional is not the mentality of the prophet. It is not the mentality of the slave of Christ. Professionalism has nothing to do with the essence and heart of the Christian ministry. The more professional we long to be, the more spiritual death we will leave in our wake. For there is no professional childlikeness there is no professional tenderheartedness; there is no professional panting after God."

Piper, in traditional fashion, makes a passionate plea for ministers to examine themselves and their ministries, and in a very real and radical way, "abandon the secularization of the pastorate and pursue the prophetic call of the Bible for ministry." After all, the aims of Christian ministry are eternal and spiritual. The aims of secularism (and professionalism) are very much different from the aims of the Christian ministry, much as light is different from darkness. To read the book, you need to prepare yourself for self-evaluation and confession. It might be wise to have some soothing salve nearby. Piper pulls no punches, and no holds are barred. He dogmatically affirms that the strong wine of Christ "explodes the wineskins of professionalism." Sacred substitutes abound and are stifling the effectiveness and taking away the sharp edge of true Christian service and ministry. Can you answer the question, "What is professional faith?" There's a price to pay for Christian ministry. Sacrifice and denial of self are always a part of the life of the minister. This does not change, no matter how many methods and new gadgets we own. Fewer and fewer ministers are willing to pay that price to be an effective tool for Christ.

The publication consists of thirty brief chapters, full of quotes and scriptural support, easily adaptable to short readings while waiting in the hospital or eating at a restaurant or waiting in line somewhere. It is a must read for ministers. It wouldn't hurt for laypersons to own a copy as well. Happy Reading! MLD

Superannuated Birthdays for January

- **Rev. Mrs. Daisy Morris**
  January 2
- **Rev. Ruth Heath**
  January 5
- **Rev. King White**
  January 11
- **Rev. Buck Parnell**
  January 16
- **Rev. Raleigh Horton**
  January 22
- **Rev. James McCandless**
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- **Rev. Jack Jayroe**
  January 29

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"But the land which you go to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, a land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year."

–Deuteronomy 11:1-12

Women of God, we are at the beginning of a new year, and we are going forth to possess it. The door is wide open for new experiences and new challenges. None of us has a clue of what lies ahead, but the Word of God tells us that the eyes of God are always on it, and your God cares. What a wonderful promise!

The NCWM Board would like to encourage each local W.M. Council to meet as soon as you can and have a planning session for the new year. Find a quiet place away from telephones and other people and prayerfully seek the Lord's direction for your local Women's Ministries work in the church and in your community. Be prepared with paper, pens, calendars and Post-it notes. Bring your ideas and expectations with you. Look at what you accomplished in 2002 and set new goals for 2003. One year from now, you'll be looking back on this year. What do you want to see as you look back? What goals and accomplishments do you want to have achieved? Set the goals high, and then aim at them, work for them. Good things seldom happen accidentally. They happen because someone prayerfully thought about them and worked for them. We are excited at what God is doing in our midst, and we are looking forward to working with each of you in this new year. May you be blessed this new year and may you be a blessing! Remember: "Together We Can Make a Difference."

In His Love,

Mrs. Patsy & The NCWM Board

Harvest Train 2002

WOW! What a great day! What mixed emotions I had as we left Dunn and traveled to Falcon. The last time I had been a part of the Harvest Train was when I was a child. I was holding back tears of joy and tears of sadness. My tears of joy were from seeing the children so excited about receiving candy and gifts, and from the expression on their faces as they could see a long, long line of vehicles lined up to throw more candy and gifts to them. At one point I heard some children say, "Oh, I'm going to cry"; and "I love this." One child was telling another child, "These people are nice." One little boy said, "I can't get it all in my bag." I just wanted to wrap my arms around each one and say, "God loves you so much!" But then I felt tears of sadness as I thought about the children who for so many unfortunate circumstances beyond their control did not have a choice of being placed in the Children's Home. I couldn't help but think of the unconditional love my father and mother had given me as I was growing up, and the rich Christian heritage I had been blessed with. But for the grace of God I could have been one of those children. Then I remembered God made us all, and He loves us all the same. I'm so glad that the love of God is greater far than men could tell or pen could write! I am confident that God's hand is upon each child who had been placed in the Falcon Children's Home. What a wonderful blessing it is for the Pentecostal Holiness church to be a part of such a wonderful ministry.

The staff and children of the Children's Home did an outstanding performance of "My Burden is Light." How powerful it was to hear songs as "Let's Go Down to the River to Pray," "I Will Rejoice and Be Glad," "No Never Alone," "You Don't Have to Bear Your Burdens Alone," "He Came to Me," and "Lift Me Up." The songs truly ministered to the standing-room-only congregation. The message was clear throughout the whole program that no matter what circumstance in life you may face, you can still have hope in Jesus. Christ's strength is ever present regardless of the situation. A child in Falcon Children's Home can rest in the assurance that there is one whose love is greater than any problem they may face.

Even though each child in Falcon Children's Home will have extra burdens to bear, there is a loving God who says, "All ye that are burdened and heavy laden, come unto me and I will give you rest." What an awesome promise that He cares for us and that He will lighten our load. I'm so glad that His grace is sufficient. What a loving God we serve.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Long, and all the churches who participated by giving money or

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commodities. We can change the world, one child at a time.

I pray that every child in the Children's Home will one day look back and say, "In Christ alone, I place my trust, I find my glory in the power of the cross. In every victory, let it be said of me, my source of strength, my source of hope is Christ alone." We can make a difference.

North Carolina Conference Harvest Train Winner: Hobgood Pentecostal Holiness Church, Hobgood, NC.

South Carolina Harvest Train Winner: New Life Ministries, Laurinburg, SC.

–Terry A. Boyette
NCWM Board Member

District Director Highlight

Mrs. Yvonne Jones is the Greenville W.M. District director. Yvonne and her husband, Gary, live in Kinston, N.C. They have three children: Jonathan, Miranda, and Rylan. Yvonne loves to cook and enjoys camping with her family. She is actively involved in the Kinston First P.H. Church.

Please call her if you have any questions regarding Women's Ministries. She will be happy to meet with you and your local W.M. group. We are proud to have her on board serving in this ministry, and she is doing a fantastic job in the Greenville District. Please contact Yvonne by calling (252) 527-1431.

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Prayer Changes the Spiritual Climate:

How to Change the Spiritual Climate Over Your City

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ." (2 Cor. 4:4)
"I am sending you to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God." (Act. 26:17, 18, NIV)

Prayer Changes the Spiritual Climate

Consider the profound effect that a spiritual climate has on our cities. We have no problem believing that it is possible to change the spiritual climate inside a home, in a church building, or even in a stadium during a crusade. Also on every Sunday we see the climate in the church gradually change as the service proceeds. The concept of changing the spiritual climate is not foreign to us. However, we do have problems believing that the same climate we enjoy in church can and should be all over the city. Yet Paul tells us that if we pray for everybody, including those who are in authority, we will see a dramatic improvement in the atmosphere around us that allows people to lead *"a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity"* (1 Tim. 2:2). For godliness to increase in a city, ungodliness must decrease, and it cannot happen without radically improving the spiritual climate in the city.

For far too long we have left control of the spiritual climate in our cities in the hands of the devil. This is evident when we look around at the mire of sin, the hostility and anger, the criminal activity, and the crushing weight of hopelessness on our fellow citizens. Every week thousands in our cities marry, hoping for a bright future; and every week a similar number watch their marriages disintegrate. Satan is keeping a subzero climate in place, while the Church is rubbing sticks together trying to spark a few fires to keep its own people from freezing.

But what if the Church in the city were able to take control of the spiritual thermostat away and set it to a comfortable 70 degrees F? Suddenly, Satan would be on the defensive, assigning his armies frantically to distribute melting ice cubes around the city in a futile attempt to bring the temperature down a few degrees. Prayer evangelism is the key to do this.

Prayer Evangelism in Four Easy Steps

The principles of Prayer Evangelism are taught in several places in the Bible, but the most complete model is found in the Gospel of Luke, the only occasion when Jesus spells out an evangelistic method:

> *Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house." And whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat what is set before you; and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you"* (Luke 10:5,8,9).

Jesus calls for us to do four things for the lost. It is very important for us to understand that the steps are interconnected and that to be effective, they must be implemented in the order given:

1. Speak peace to the lost: Blessing opens the door to unbiased fellowship.
2. Fellowship with them: Fellowship establishes a level of trust, and allows our neighbors to share with us their felt needs.
3. Take care of their needs: Prayer addresses these felt needs.
4. Proclaim good news: When we intercede for our neighbors, God comes near them in a tangible way. Say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you" (Luke 10:9).

Soon after Jesus taught this method to His disciples, multitudes believed in Him, and demons surrendered in masses to a bunch of rookie evangelists. (see Luke 10:17)

A Method for Reaching Cities

The apostle Paul teaches about the effectiveness of prayer evangelism in 1 Tim. 2:1-8, where he admonishes us to pray for everyone everywhere. To comprehend this fully, we need to look at the context established in verse 15 of the previous chapter.

Paul writes, "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (v.15), or in other words, "Timothy, this statement is so reliable that you can bank on it that once exposed to it, everybody in your city is going to accept it." Paul is not saying that everyone will receive Jesus, but rather that everybody will accept the fact that He came to save sinners. Paul is talking about the lost in Timothy's city, and he uses this statement to introduce a method for reaching all of them.

We often miss the evangelistic nature and focus of Paul's teaching because, moved by the realization that he is the greatest of sinners (see v. 16), Paul takes a praise detour; but in verse 18, Paul directs Timothy to keep a certain commandment so that he may fight the good fight.

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North Carolina Men's Ministries

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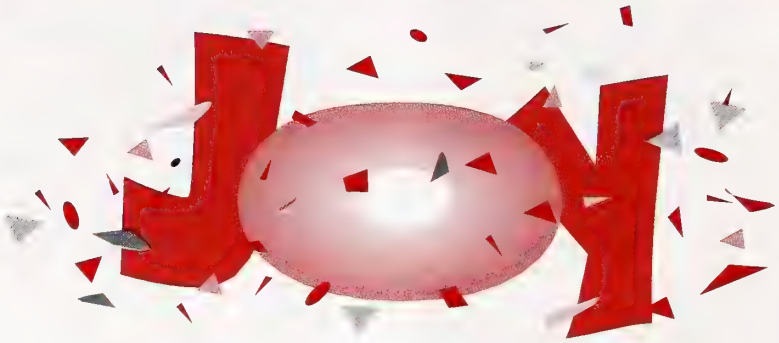
"Partners in Ministry"



Too many times we find ourselves beat up by this world and its wicked ruler, Satan. The devil (or one of his willing servants!) jumps on our backs, and we can't seem to find the strength to shake him off. We are good Christian men and we know **in our heads** that we can call on Jesus Christ to help us. Yet the circumstances the world assails us with seem so deep and overwhelming that we fall into Satan's trap of "feeling" defeated.

What we need to do to climb out of defeat is to bring the JOY of Jesus into our lives at such a level that we can overcome all things, including being "beat up" by Satan and his cronies! Jesus said this in John 16:33: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

It is time as men of God that we "be of good cheer"! We must put on our joyful face, our joyful spirit, and our joyful body, and show the world that we are overcomers! The more joy that we have, the harder it is for Satan to attack us. Satan cannot have victory over joy. Jesus used the cross to defeat Satan, and after three days, Jesus rose from the grave to show that He had overcome the world. We rejoice in Jesus' victory and know we can have the same victory because of Him!

When people see us, let them see the joy of Jesus all about us. Let them be able to feel the presence of Jesus when they come in contact with us. When we go to church, let us join together and worship in joy. And when the devil tries to jump on our backs and drag us down, let's laugh with the joy of Jesus, knowing he is but a conquered foe, vanquished by the blood of the Lamb!

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

2002 has been a year of great accomplishment across the face of the IPHC. The N.C. Conference has experienced another year of growth in every ministry arm. Once again the conference will top the $1 million mark in total missions giving. To God be the glory. Our churches are becoming more aware of and mobilizing to meet the challenge of reaching the two billion plus people around the world who have yet to hear the gospel. As I write this article, we are in the middle of the Christmas season; it is indeed a blessed and joyous time of the year; however, we cannot rest, retreat or retire until all have heard the proclamation, "For there is born to you... a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." The face of missions ministry is changing rapidly as the return of our Lord draws near. We have to rise to meet the challenge of "Unreached People Groups" (UPGs). Simply because we have a missions presence in a country does not mean that all the people groups of that nation have received the message of the gospel. Much has been accomplished, yet great opportunity and challenge lie ahead. Our pastors are increasingly becoming sold on missions and therefore promoters of the cause of missions. This is a thrill indeed – I pray that in 2003 this trend will grow. God is providing this denomination with some great missionary candidates, and we've had our share of them infiltrating in our conference this year. The theme for 2003 is "Breaking out of the Box" (Mark 2:4): doing what we've never done before to reach the world. The story of the four friends who were concerned for their crippled comrade must become our challenge and motivation for 2003. Their *concern* bred *compassion* then *cooperation* followed by *creativity*, which resulted in great *celebration*. I personally challenge every pastor, local missions director, every member of the body of Christ to raise your horizon in the coming year. NO CHURCH OR INDIVIDUAL CAN GO WRONG BY ACTIVELY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTING MISSIONS. Missions is not an option; it is an imperative. The standing marching orders of the church are, "Go ye into ALL the world and make disciples."

As director of missions, I have a list of challenges and goals for 2003. Let me include just a few of them, and I pray that your heart will be challenged. First, that every church in the North Carolina Conference will select, appoint, elect, etc., a local missions director. No matter the numerical size of the church, you need a designated person who will lead the charge for missions ministry in your congregation. In the month of January a newly revised local missions ministry manual will be made available to our churches. I look forward to providing that tool to you. Second, that every church will set goals for missions giving on a monthly basis, for Global Outreach, for People to People ministry and Coffee House ministry. Pastors, I believe our people will respond to a set goal; I urge you to do this in the beginning of the year. Third, that per capita giving for the N.C. Conference will show a steady incline. In 2001, the N.C. Conference gave $51.13 per member. That's $.13 a day. My goal and challenge is that we will reach $60.00 this year. That doesn't seem to be a large increase; however, when we reach that goal, we will top the $1.5 million level. I believe every church in this conference can respond to this challenge as we increase our "INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY." Fourth, that every church take on one new missionary in support; monthly consistent giving is the backbone, the bread and butter of World Missions Ministry. Fifth, that every church take on at least one more People to People child, increase their Global Outreach offering by 10%, and support Coffee House ministry.

Perhaps you're saying, Bro. Nelson, you're asking a lot; however, there are a number of entities in your church who are just waiting for such a challenge. (Royal Rangers, Youth Ministry, Girls' Ministry, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Children's Church, cell groups, Sunday school classes, etc.) The potential is at our fingertips; we must tap into what God is providing. Pastor, minister, local missions director, church member, let me say in retrospect that without YOU, World Missions Ministries would not exist; thank you for your concern, faithfulness, and participation in 2002, and yet, we've only scratched the surface; let's rise to the challenge in 2003. There will be six district missions conventions in 2003 planned by the district Evangelism units – be on the alert for these events. Our annual missions meals event will begin on January 27 and conclude February 5; plan to attend. Praise God for the success of Missions Ministry in 2002; 2003 is before us.

Evangelism: The IPHC is moving into becoming a "church planting movement." That is our desire for the North Carolina Conference. The 2000 census shows that within the bounds of the N.C. Conference there are at least 3.2 million people. At the end of 2001 we had 26,000 members in the N.C. Conference. In case I'm tempted to think that Eastern North Carolina is saturated with IPHC churches, think again. That's one church for every 16,000 people. There is much room for growth. Literally, millions in Eastern North Carolina do not have the IPHC witness. What a monumental challenge. We will close 2002

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Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

2003 is going to be a wonderful year here in the N.C. Conference. I am excited that you are a part of the body of Christ and that you have made yourself available to do God's work in your local CEM Department.

This year my personal goal as a Christian is simply to grow in my personal relationship with Christ. I have been a Christian for 17 years (January 1, 1986), and God has been wonderful to me, and He has been merciful in many ways. I know I can never repay Him for what He does for me, but I can certainly show Him my gratitude by serving Him to the best of my ability.

This year I am continuing my pursuit of a spirit of humility. I have learned that humility will give you a greater intimacy with Christ, a greater degree of wisdom, a greater sense of blessing, personal and spiritual, and a greater sense of doing God's will, which leads to fulfillment and peace.

How will I pursue it? Below is an outline of my plan of action to ensure my attainment of my personal 2003 goals:

1. Stay in the Word of God daily. My devotions this year will be taken from a book entitled *Experiencing God Day by Day,* and with my CEM Bible reading guide I will read the Bible through again in 2003.
2. I will have a daily prayer life in which I communicate with God. I will pray with my wife and children daily.
3. I will spend at least 30 minutes a week with a journal reflecting on my actions, thoughts, and mistakes throughout the week. (Boy, what interesting reading).
4. I will spend quality time with my family!
5. I will meet at least twice a year with my prayer partners (two friends) with whom I can openly share what is going on in my life. We will pray for one another and counsel one another during this time.
6. I will read the book *Breakthrough Parenting* by John Maxwell to be a better father. I will continue my graduate school readings (too many to mention) and my monthly leadership tapes from John Maxwell, Blaine Bartel, and Tony Miller to stay on the cutting edge.
7. I will make it a point to share Christ with anyone for whom God opens the door for me to do so.

My personal mission statement is to introduce the person of Jesus Christ relevantly to all generations while leaving footprints for future leaders to follow. As a minister and the conference CEM director, my goal is to train and teach leaders effectively, in order that they may positively influence the lives of those they reach on a daily and weekly basis. In order to keep and mentor those we reach for Christ, we must create an atmosphere of excitement about our current ministries and develop new ministries that will minister to today's society. Therefore, I commit the CEM Department and myself to the following in 2003...

1. To pray daily for a different district in the N.C. Conference and call every church and pastor out by name.
2. To personally visit all senior pastors and staff, giving each the opportunity to share how the CEM Department can better aide their local church ministry.
3. To see every one of you at our CEM Convention in Falcon, February 28th & March 1st (Ha!)
4. To offer training sessions and brainstorming sessions for all departments.
5. To be available to mentor or counsel all new and current CE leaders.

Leaders, moms, dads, and Christians in general, remember, "A student cannot be above his teacher..." (Matt 10:24). Our students will become what their teachers are like, so that puts a large responsibility on us. Therefore, I would like to challenge you for the year 2003....

1. Make sure to have a daily life devotion and prayer. That's where we win the battles.
2. Leaders: Lead by example. Attend on a regular basis Sunday school, morning worship, Sunday and Wednesday night services. Remember you have to be fed too!
3. Check your priorities (God, family, ministry).
4. Seek counseling and prayer in your personal battles. Remember the enemy will go after leaders to destroy you (John 10:10). But always remember He comes to give the abundant life!
5. Seek to grow spiritually. If you have not been sanctified and filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, make this the year to experience these wonderful gifts of God. They will provide you the power to witness, minister, and grow in the Lord. They will benefit you, your family, and your ministry.
6. As a Christian, it is important that you tithe to your church, or as a minister, tithe to the conference. Everything is His, and He requires only ten percent back. PTL! Tithe, and God will bless you.
7. Support your church's ministries. This does not mean being present at everything by any means, but it does mean to pray, encourage, and work together with one another. Let's Bridge the Gap in 2003!

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What is the good fight? The good fight, in this context, is not so much a matter of personal growth, but rather the struggle to open the eyes of sinners to the fact that Jesus came into the world to save them. Paul is talking here about a strategy for reaching the lost; he is explaining to Timothy how to reach a city or a region for Christ.

Why is Paul commanding the Church to pray for everybody, everywhere? Because God wants everybody to be saved:

> "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men... This is good and acceptable in the sight of God or Savior, who desires all men to be saved and To come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. 2:1,34)

Paul instructs Timothy to mobilize the Church to PRAY for everybody in the city, to ensure that all sinners will have an opportunity to know that Jesus came to save them. He is talking about organizing systematic prayer for the lost in a city or region – what we now call PRAYER EVANGELISM.

I exhort you in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ that in 2003 PRAYER EVANGELISM will play a great part in your ministry.

Article this month was taken from the book MY CITY, GOD'S CITY by Ed Silvoso.

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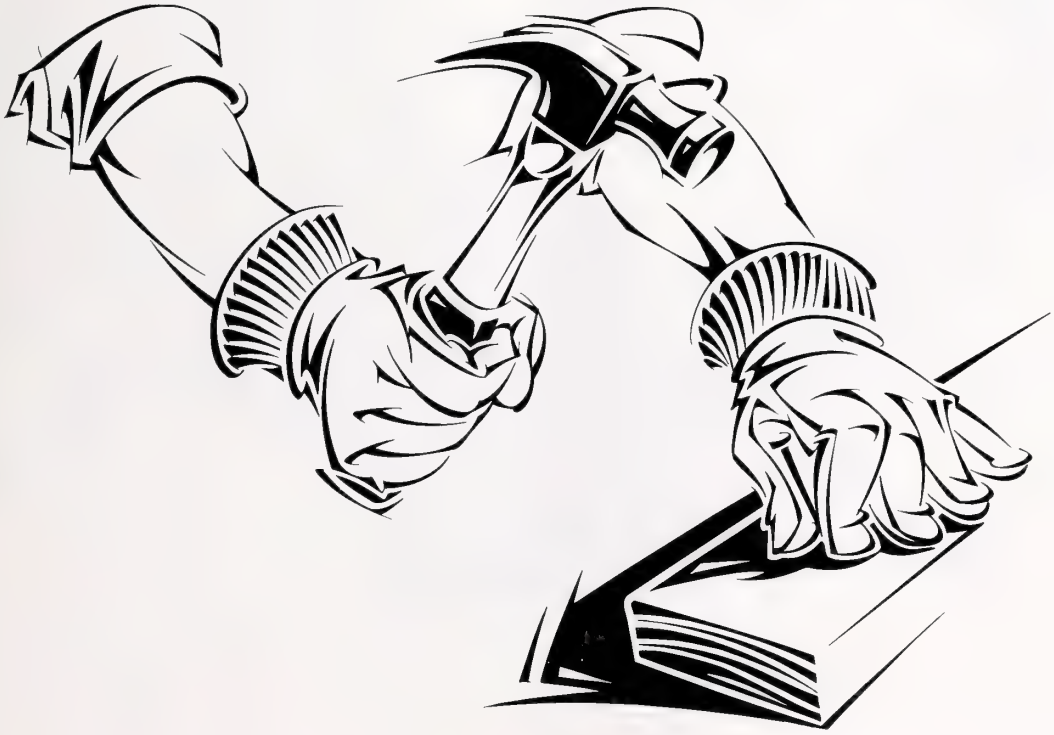
with approximately 198 churches. We've organized/planted 10 churches in 2002. In 2003 the challenge is for 10 churches to be planted. This goal is very achievable. The challenge to reach 3 (at least 3) people with the witness of salvation should be every Christian's goal in 2003. To plant 3 churches must become the personal challenge of as many of our churches across the conference as possible (to plant one church like yourself; to plant a church overseas; to plant a church ethnically different from yourself at home). The Judean Project is the opportunity for 195-plus churches in the N.C. Conference to become financially supportive of church planting projects in the conference. The Model Church Strategy is a vital tool for each pastor and church to be retooled and revitalized for growth as well as to enhance present growth in the local church. This tool begins in April and runs through September. Hispanic Ministry is rising to a different level. We now have 28 churches, and we now have our first Samoan congregation (Jacksonville). Though 10 new churches are projected in 2003, the potential is present for more than that figure. I'm excited as I write this article because from my vantage point I see so much potential and possibility in this conference.

Above all these goals and challenges in Evangelism for 2003 – here is the chief one:

Pastors, Churches – There is in this sin-cursed and bound world a desperate cry for revival. An outpouring of a holiness, pentecostal revival that will sweep our conference is desperately needed to face and meet the above challenges. None of the above challenges mean anything without a genuine outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That is my concluding challenge. I pray that 2003 will be our greatest, most rewarding year – Let it be saturated with revival.

Remember – All that we aspire to do, whatever our goal(s), whatever our vision for 2003, whether it be in North Carolina or around the world – all that we accomplish is AN INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY.



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"Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love."

-God,

Jeremiah 31:3

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

We Must Seek God!

The prediction for the economy in the days ahead is bleak. The possibility of war with Iraq seems definite. Who knows what will happen in North Korea? It seems that our society has lost hope. There is much gloom, despair, and frustration.

It is a time to seek God!

Jesus said, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine..." (John 7:17). Daniel, in speaking of a time yet to be, said, "...But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" (Daniel 11:32). The principle applies to us today. Jeremiah got to his heart. "Thus says the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understands and knows me" (Jeremiah 9:23). I want to know Him. I desire to do His will.

To know Him is to be acquainted with Him through previous encounter. I encountered and accepted Him as savior on February 14, 1965. To know Him is to be sure of His identity. I am a part of His family – His adopted son. To know Him is to experience Him. Daily He speaks to me through His Word. His Spirit bears witness with my spirit in praise and intercession. To know Him is to have a practical and operative grasp of Him through instruction, study, and exercise. I am growing each day. I am changing. I am not the same.

2003 is all about Him. May the clergy and laity of the conference seek Him together.

I am calling upon each church and clergy member to join me in a special 40-day time of seeking God – March 5 through April 13. The effort will involve two thrusts:

First, each one should participate in the Seek God for the City Prayer Campaign. This is a special prayer focus from March 5 to Palm Sunday – April 13. It is published by WayMakers but authorized by our Bishop, Rev. James D. Leggett. In crisis times we either pray or we shake. We wither hope or just cope. Now more than ever we should be equipped to pray with solid, Christ-focused hope.

Each pastor received a special Seek God for the City booklet in late December or early January. Other ministers may receive the booklet free of charge by calling the conference office at 910-980-1162 (Rose Nelson). Pastors may order quantities ($3.00 each) at 1-800-264-5214 or www.waymakers.org.

I am also challenging each clergy member of the conference to work through Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, during this same time period. This is an excellent book that answers the question, "What on earth am I here for?" The book is divided into 40 day sections. It is a powerful book for knowing Him better. It is published by Zondervan and can be ordered from any bookstore. The normal cost is $19.99. CBD has it for $14.99

I firmly believe as we seek the Lord together, we will see great miracles in our midst.

A third opportunity of great blessing with the Lord is the IPHC Festival of Praise. WIN Directors Barbara and Bane James are coordinating this effort. The aim is that the Lord be worshiped by at least one IPHC congregation one hour every day of the year – a continual love offering of praise from this corporate body. The festival began January 1.

The North Carolina Conference has been assigned the months of May and June. I am expecting that at least one of our churches will be having an hour of worship each day of May and June.

This is not a prayer service, preaching service, communion service, a service of prophecy, or a service to minister to one another. This service is a worship service to minister to God alone.

Suggestions to consider:

1. Most importantly, choose songs to exalt God instead of songs about God. (Some songs may need to be altered to do this.)
2. Include praises of thanksgiving instead of prayers of petition.
3. Include the entire family; maybe consider inviting other congregations.
4. Read scriptures that worship God and proclaim His lovingkindness and holiness.
5. Encourage worship leaders to be prepared to hear the Holy Spirit give them a new song to the Lord. (This could happen in preparation for service or during service, but the song will bless and proclaim the majesty of the Lord.)
6. Children/Youth ministries could prepare worship songs to sing, or write praises to God to be read aloud during the hour. Include all ages.

The Lord is pleased when He is worshiped.

Let each of us seek Him! Let each of us know Him better. Parker in his book *Knowing God* shares four blessings on those who know God. These are 1) They have a great energy for God; 2) They show a great boldness for God; 3) They have great contentment in God; 4) They have great thoughts about God. There is a sermon here somewhere. Certainly there is a challenge.

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An Update from
Rev. J. Doner Lee

I have for some time wanted an opportunity to express my gratitude to my many friends, both locally and across the conference, for their many expressions of love and appreciation to Mrs. Lee and myself. Our Superintendent, Rev. Chris Thompson, has afforded me the privilege to do that through the *Evangel*, and I am very grateful.

The year 2002 has, perhaps, been one of the most difficult years of our lives. Even in the previous year I was made aware and saw certain signs that caused me much concern as it regarded Mrs. Lee's health. As time moved along, I realized that the load of caring for the both of us was indeed more than I could bear. So, in due time and after many, many trips to the doctor, it was thought best by our family that Mrs. Lee be placed in a nursing home, at least until my health was so that she could be properly cared for at home.

I don't believe that I have ever lived through such a stressful period in my life. And it is difficult to express the deep hurt and loneliness that one feels when the "love of your life" is suddenly not in the house anymore. Sometimes I catch myself about to call her name, when I realize she is not here. Most of us do not realize – nor can we until it happens, how empty life can be without our life's companion. Mrs. Lee is very well cared for, and for the most part her physical health is good.

Somewhere around the middle of the year, I too began to experience some physical problems brought on by the difficulties of the past several months. I lost weight, had very little appetite, and experienced a serious nervous condition. I really could not have made it had it not been for my two sons, Don and Stanley, and their families. They came to my side, as they did to their mother's side, and relieved me of as much responsibility as possible, making it possible for me to concentrate on getting well. They actually took me to their homes, fed me nourishing meals, insisted that I get plenty of rest, and made sure that I got to church when it was physically possible for me to go. They were truly "good Samaritans" to their Dad, for without their help, my situation would have been almost too painful to bear. Thank God for good children!

Once I was back at my home in Falcon, my physical condition was one of weakness. I had to make myself do what I did. The will was strong, but the flesh was weak. However, I kept myself on the altar before the Lord, praying for strength – both physical and spiritual. I accepted prayer from anyone and everyone who came to see me, and in my heart I believed that God would hear and raise me up again. Little by little, I have gotten stronger and stronger, regained part of my lost weight, and am feeling much better.

I'm not out of the woods yet, however, but I have faith and believe that as time passes, my strength will increase, and things will get back to some semblance of normal. I have so much to be thankful for and could never express my gratitude adequately. People from all over the conference have sent me cards and letters with get-well wishes and prayers. My home church here in Falcon, Culbreth Memorial, could not have been more thoughtful. For weeks they served me good, nourishing food by bringing it to my home, or they carried me out to eat. They checked up on me by phone or came by to see if all was well. My pastor, Rev. Stephen Hicks, paid me regular visits, lifted me before the Lord in prayer, and encouraged the church and others to keep my needs before the Lord.

I have been overwhelmed with your thoughtfulness and concerns for me, and I am deeply appreciative. For many years I traveled to your churches, preached and held revivals, conducted the business of the conference, and assisted our churches in any way I could. I learned your names, ate at your tables, and enjoyed your fellowship. I knew then, and feel that I know now, that we have some of the best, most dedicated people to God in all the world. So, when those people call you, write you, or visit you, and offer prayer believing in and trusting in the name of our wonderful Lord, He will hear and answer their prayers. And, He has...thank God!

So, please accept my sincere thanks for everything you have done for me. I look forward to many more years of living for Him and serving Him. But, be assured, if He should call, I am ready and willing to leave this old world behind and go to be with our Lord. I love Him with all my heart.

Spotlighting Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Whitfield

Have you ever been bothered by a social evil, but felt there was nothing you could do about it? I think there are times when most Christians feel this way.

One special couple who decided that, with God's help, they would make a difference is Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Whitfield.

I am told that, during one of Bro. Whitfield's pastorates, while traveling from his home church and back again each day, he had to pass an abortion clinic. Each time he passed it, he became more concerned and troubled. He prayed about it. He preached against it. But the abortion clinic continued to put a cruel and corrupt end to the lives of unborn babies. And daily, Bro. Whitfield asked God what he could do to help prevent it.

To make a long story short, the crisis time came when Marvin and Joyce, together with God, settled the issue.

Here were two dedicated people who were willing to put their whole future on the line – give up their pastorate, leave their comfortable home, run the risk of persecution, and step out into an insecure and unknown future, in order to try to save innocent, God-created babies. (Recent statistics show that, since 1973, over 41 million abortions have been performed in the United States.)

Most of you know the rest of the story – Alternative to Abortion Ministries. We now have two Royal Homes – one in Salemburg, N.C., and the other in Greenville, N.C. – where numerous beautiful, healthy babies have been born, full-term, to enjoy life.

Whitfield continued on page 4...

As a result of Joyce and Marvin's decision and total dedication to the task ahead, we not only have two Royal Homes, to which expectant mothers may come and feel loved and cared for, but we also have a fully accredited Adoption Agency – NewLife Christian Adoptions. This agency helps Christian couples adopt those babies whose biological mothers need or choose to let their babies be adopted.

So we say to to Joyce and Marvin Whitfield, "**We salute you!** You are courageous and highly respected by the entire International Pentecostal Holiness Church, and by many others. You **deserve** and **have** our most sincere love and appreciation. **Wow! We praise and thank God for you!"**

– Sue Parker

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Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here for?

by Rick Warren. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishers, 2002. 334 pages.

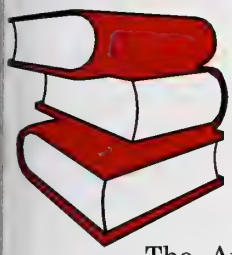
Does it seem sometimes that so many Christians are floundering and failing to stay focused on the true work and life experiences that God wants for us? Is it not true that a person without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder? Do you know of young Christians who seem to be spiritually disoriented and lack a sense of direction and purpose in life? If so, then allow me to recommend an excellent book that will help the sincere believer understand the meaning of life and the divine purpose God has for each of us.

Rick Warren, the founding pastor of the world-renowned Saddleback Church, shares what many are calling a groundbreaking manifesto on the meaning of life in terms of providing guidance for believers through living the Great Commandment and the Great Commission in a 40-day spiritual journey discussed in 40 brief chapters that will help answer the reason for your existence on earth and what God wants from you as a believer in Christ. Warren emphasizes that God is working in every believer, giving the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases Him. A life that pleases the Lord must be a purpose driven life, instead of a muddled life, wandering aimlessly and showing few if any God-honoring and God-pleasing results. The Lord wants every child to have a truly meaningful and productive life.

The author presents five fundamental purposes: 1) You were planned for God's pleasure; 2) You were formed for God's family; 3) You were created to become like Christ; 4) You were shaped for serving God; and 5) You were made for mission. Of the 40 chapters, each concludes with a section entitled "Thinking about My Purpose," and includes a point to ponder, a verse to remember, and a question to consider. The section is designed to help you reflect and mull over what you have read in the chapter and to pray and consider the applications to your personal life.

The intention of the book is far more than just providing another mound of sterile information that eventually becomes a dust collector on a shelf or beside a bed. Warren seeks to bring transformation in the reader's life. The goal is much higher than just reading another book, for it requires interaction, thought, and a plan of action for the express purpose of living for God and not for yourself. In fact, Bruce Wilkinson, author of

the *Prayer of Jabez*, predicts this landmark publication will become the *My Utmost for His Highest* of the 21st century. This remains to be seen, in light of the fact that the 21st century has just begun, but it does reveal the impact the publication is already making in the lives of Christian leaders and fellow laborers.



10 Lies The Church Tells Women

by J. Lee Grady. Lake Mary, Florida: Charisma House, 2000. 220 pages.

The Apostle Paul stated that "there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." In Jesus Christ, men and women are on equal ground. In spiritual matters there is to be no sexual discrimination. Men and women have spiritual value, privilege, and worthiness.

Grady contends that the Church has through the years been guilty of promulgating lies about Christian women in terms of their position, roles, abilities, and responsibilities. The ten lies discussed are as follows: 1) God created women as inferior beings, destined to serve their husbands; 2) Women are not equipped to assume leadership roles in the church; 3) Women must not teach or preach to men in a church setting; 4) A woman should view her husband as the "priest of the home"; 5) a man needs to "cover" a woman in her ministry activities; 6) Women who exhibit strong leadership qualities pose a serious danger to the church; 7) Women are more easily deceived than men; 8) Women can't be fulfilled or spiritually effective without a husband and children; 9) Women shouldn't work outside the home; and 10) Women must obediently submit to their husbands in all situations.

As you can see, the subjects at hand would be controversial, provocative, and troublesome in some circles, for there are those who would say that at least some lies are the truth, and are willing to verbally spar with anyone who would disagree with them.

Of great importance relative to this publication is the fact that the author makes it clear he is not grinding an axe, making his point and cramming his ideas into the reader, no questions asked. The approach is gentle, using wisdom and tact in addressing the "lies." He uses a good deal of Scripture and makes many convincing points.

My contention, if I may indulge a bit here, is that anyone who rightly divides the Word of God and reads the words of Jesus Christ and the Apostle Paul, will agree that the woman plays a vital, strategic role in the building of the kingdom of God. In some churches, little would be done at all were it not for the women. Thank God for our ladies. Their service to the kingdom and the King is invaluable. Pastors would be far less effective were it not for the prayers, encouragement, counsel and ministry of women. Let's confess that we need each other equally in Jesus. Happy reading!

Pastor Retires After 38 Years of Service

After almost four decades of ministry, the Rev. Emmett Turner retired as pastor of the Friendship Pentecostal Holiness Church in Wilson. Rev. Turner has pastored four churches during his 38 years of ministry.

Friendship Pentecostal Holiness Church had a special service to honor Brother Turner and mark his retirement.

The service was held at 11:00 a.m. at the church, which is located at 3127 Whitley Road at the intersection of U.S. 301 and N.C. 42.

Superintendent Chris Thompson spoke at the morning service. After the service a luncheon was held in Brother Turner's honor.

Brother Turner is the founding pastor of Friendship, which was opened in 1964. Brother Turner pastored the church for two years before becoming pastor at the Black Creek Pentecostal Holiness Church, where he served for six years.

He became pastor of Lamm's Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church in Lucama in 1972, where he remained for two years. He then went to Nash County to fill the pulpit at Taylor's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church for one year.

He returned to the Black Creek P. H. Church in1975, where he served his second pastorate there for the next 11 years. Then in 1986 he returned to Friendship Church, where he has remained for 16 years.

Although Brother Turner retired, he plans to remain with the church and preach until a new pastor is found. "I'm going to keep on preaching," he said. "You don't ever retire from the ministry, but you can retire from pastoring."

Brother Turner lost his first wife to cancer in 1999, remarried, and lost his second wife to cancer last year.

"I'm retiring with mixed emotions," he said. "I've always been used to working with people, guiding people, and helping people. It will be different."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!

Rev. Danny and Tanya Rollins announce the birth of a son – December 24, 2002.

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart."

–Proverbs 3:17

Years ago, I worked for a company that manufactured jewelry. I was always amazed at the tremendous amount of work that it takes to make a ring. Molds had to be made of each design, and then there were several other steps before the rings were actually "cast." When the furnace was hot enough, crucibles of gold or silver were put into the fire to remove the impurities. Then the process continued until the ring was formed and ready to be polished and set.

Women of faith, we are much like the gold in the hands of a jewelry maker. It is God alone who "*tries the heart*." Men may try their silver and gold with the fining-pot and the furnace, but they have no such way of trying one another's hearts; only God does that, who is both the searcher and the sovereign of the heart. That is good news to me! One of my favorite scriptures is this:

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

– Psalm 139:23-24

Remember, "*God is Love,*" and it was love that went to the cross for us. He wants to see His love in action. Please don't let old hurts and heartaches keep you from being all that God wants you to be. Ask the Lord to lead you to someone today!

With a Heart full of His Love,

"Mrs. Patsy"

Girls' Ministries Corner

Great and wonderful things are happening with the N.C. Girls' Ministries. This leadership team is working very hard to keep you abreast of what's happening from the General level to the local level. If you have any questions about upcoming events, contact NCGM Coordinator Boobie McNeese at 910-564-5730 or any of the other Girl's Ministries leadership team.

We are proud to introduce to you Mrs. Nancy Roberson. Nancy accepted the call to serve as the assistant director on the Girls' Ministries leadership team. She serves as the Missionettes coordinator at Grace Family Fellowship in Robersonville and is actively involved in other ministries of the church. She and her husband Brent have one daughter, eight-year-old Megan. You may contact Nancy at 3562 Station Mill Rd., Robersonville, NC 27871, or call 252-825-0783.

Saturday, November 16, 2002, Maranatha and Harkers Island Sharing Sisters gathered in the fellowship hall at Maranatha for a Sharing Sister Brunch. Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson, former NCWM director and General WM director, was the guest speaker. The theme for this brunch was "Count Your Blessings." Mary Belle brought us a timely message on being "Joyful Women." Everyone enjoyed food, fun, and fellowship.

NCWM ANNUAL RETREAT

"Arise ye Women of Zion"

March 28 & 29, 2003

Featuring Mrs. Karen F. Jones

Karen was born and raised in Natural Bridge, Virginia. She is married to Rev. Bill Jones. (He currently serves as the superintendent of the Georgia Conference of the IPHC). She is a graduate of Emmanuel College. Karen has a ministry of encouragement through testimony and song. She comes highly recommended, and we are looking forward to a great move of God.

Special music by Beverly Daggerhart

Beverly is the daughter of Rev. Calvin & Lois Trueblood. She is also a graduate of Emmanuel College. She sang with the gospel group Heritage for two years. You will be blessed with her musical talent.

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Planning Ahead

Sunday, March 9 is Women's Ministries Founder's Day. This is the perfect time to share with your church family the program and work of your local WM. Include in your program a time to share your accomplishments and to recognize special people who have worked hard to reach goals of the various ministries.

March 28 and 29 is the Annual NCWM Retreat at the North Hilton in Raleigh, NC. Contact your local WM director or call Marjorie Teachey, (252) 792-3752 for registration information.

March Quarterly WM Council Meeting. We've been encouraging you to set aside a time for planning. Gather your officers and ministry group leaders, brainstorm and plan for second quarter. Determine who is responsible for each project/session. Make assignment contacts.

Remember to send me articles of your meetings and special events. The Women's Ministries page in the *Evangel* is for YOU! Please send any information to Patsy C. Deese, NCWM Director, 1303 Cedarwood Village, Morehead City, NC 28557.

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Committed to Love

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..."

Love is not only an expression or feeling but also a **commitment**. In God's Word we find many examples of the **love commitment** God has for His people.

In John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world..."* the word *loved* here is *agapao,* meaning unconditional love, love by choice and by act of will. The word denotes unconquerable benevolence and undefeatable goodwill. *Agapao* will never seek anything but the highest good for fellow mankind.

The next part reads "...that He gave." God gave to us first. He is our role model for giving and receiving, Seed Faith. Do you find it difficult to believe that you should expect to receive back from your giving? Read again this verse and notice these things:

1) **God so loved.** God's motivation for giving was love. Ours must be too.

2) **God gave.** God's love was turned into an act of giving.

3) **God gave His only begotten Son.** He gave His very best! So must we also give our best!

4) **God gave for a specific reason.** To get man back from Satan. God's deepest desire is to have man restored to Himself. And to get that need met, He gave. What is your need? Your giving as an act of your deepest love and strongest faith is the key to your having that need met.

5) **God gave sacrificially.** Our salvation cost Jesus His life. It also costs us full repentance and the giving of our lives to God.

6) **God's plan works!** Souls are saved because God gave His best, gave first, and gave expecting to receive! God Himself is our role model for giving and receiving!

When you truly love, there is commitment.

Ask yourself these questions:

1) Who am I committed to?
2) What am I committed to?
3) Why am I committed?
4) Does my commitment bring me an eternal reward?
5) Do I understand that commitment is a must as a child of God?

This year we need to examine where we place our loyalty and commitment. We say that we love God, yet we fail in our commitment to pray, fast, read the Word, give to others, share with others, keep our word, keep a pledge, give our best, put God first.

Our commitment should be first God, then people, and then things. Once God is the center of our life, we can obtain the victory in our commitment to our spouse, children, church body, calling, job, etc.

"Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass."

–Psalm 37:5

"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your path."

–Proverbs 3:6

"But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

–James 1:4,5

God is looking for a people that are loyal, committed and true to Him.

We are to: **Commit our way to the Lord.** (Psalm 37:5)
In all our ways acknowledge Him. (Proverbs 3:6)
Ask God for wisdom to be perfect and complete. (James 1:4,5)

Commitment – to pledge; bind
Commit – to give in charge; consign (hand over; entrust)

My prayer is that we the people of God in 2003 commit ourselves to loving Him more and loving each other. May the spirit of unity rise up in us as we worship only Him.

May God find us loving Him enough to pray.

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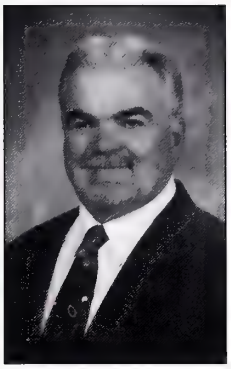

"Partners in Ministry"

The Trees In My Forest

Missionary Dr. Richard Honaker's December newsletter had a tidbit of information in it that really caught my eye. He said, "We visited the Sequoia National Park. It is awe-inspiring to see these huge trees that God has created. Many of them are still standing and living after more than 3,000 years. I learned several things about them that can be helpful to us also. Number one, there is NO natural death for them, and they keep staying alive as long as they are standing up! When they fall, they die.

Second, many of these trees sustain large burns due to forest fires, but they can recover and continue to grow. One caption about the trees was, "They heal their wounds and keep growing." We need to keep our eyes on the Lord, and as we keep growing in Him, our wounds will become insignificant."

The characteristics of the Sequoia trees remind me of the characteristics of the people who help keep the Men's Ministries in North Carolina alive and well. They are godly men and women who keep "standing" no matter how strong the devil's winds of adversity blow. When they walk through fiery trials, they keep on keeping on, never giving up like the devil desires. To these precious men and women of God I want to say "Thank You!" from the bottom of my heart!

Another year has come and gone, and we continue to face new challenges every day. That is why I would like to thank everyone who has stepped forward and helped out, from those of you who read these articles and support us to those who have given us encouraging words and have offered us much, much more. You see, without people like YOU, the Men's Ministries could not do what it does.

I believe we are blessed with the best leaders anywhere! These are the "trees" in my "forest" I know I can count on to stand strong for the Lord and keep growing in Him. Our national director, Jack Kelley, is always a step ahead to offer his assistance in anything we need. Thank you, Jack! There is a special Christian lady who works with Bro. Jack named Kathy Suggs. Without her capable support and skills, the Men's Ministries would not be the same! Thanks, Sister Kathy!

I also would like to thank Gen. Jerry Boykin, who serves as the national assistant director. Bro. Jerry is very busy right now at military headquarters. Yet he always makes time to lend a helping hand when his duty to our country will allow.

Right here at home in our North Carolina Conference is a man whose leadership and support proves constantly to be a help and strength to the Men's Ministries. Thank you, Conference Superintendent Chris Thompson! I count it a privilege and honor to work under a man of God such as yourself. I also appreciate the prayers and support your board gives to this ministry as well.

And finally I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Men's Ministries board that serves with me and helps me in more ways than I could possibly mention here: the assistant director, Randy Hardee; the secretary-treasurer, Tommy Goff; board members Phil Mooring and Gordon Knox; and all of the district directors. Without all of you, Men's Ministries could do nothing!

As we enter this new year together, please join me in prayer that this year will be bigger and better than ever for the kingdom of God!

If we as a board can help your local Men's Ministries group in ANY WAY, please contact us!

Again, I say, "Thank You!" and God bless you all!

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Jacksonville Pentecostal Holiness Church

Pastor Phillip Bland

Let me begin this article by saying that none of this could be happening if the membership of our church were not willing to open their facilities to people of other cultures. We understand that this is God's building, and we must be obedient to all that He will open to us. Churches are virtually the most wasted space in America because they are generally used three times a week. May God move on our hearts to use our buildings as much as we can for Him. I would like to see our building used 24 hours, 7 days a week.

After the Verona Church closed, discussions were had as to what to do with the property. One idea was a Hispanic Church. On May 15, 2002, I met with Pastor Luis Avila and Pastor Carlos Carrillo to show them the facilities. They not only looked at the facility but also the area around the church. Demographics of the area were also gotten for them to study. A few days later I received a call from Brother Danny Nelson telling me that after studying the area, Pastor Carrillo was not interested in planting a church in the Verona area, but he was interested in the Jacksonville area and was wanting to use our facilities. I presented this to our church board, and they agreed to have Brothers Danny Nelson and John Parker talk with our people about the Hispanic culture. They came on August 11, 2002, and after the meeting we took a vote and received a 100% vote to share our facilities with our Hispanic brothers.

The start date was set for October 6, 2002. There were 32 present at their first service, and they are averaging mid-20s at this time. They had their grand opening service on November 24, 2002. Brother Nelson and Brother Parker were present.

On September 16, 2002, I received a call from Rev. John Faaivae, who was wanting to plant a Samoan church in our area. He was interested in using our facilities. I met with the church board, and the board again voted 100% to allow them to use our facilities. Their first service was October 13, 2002, and there were 30 present Their average attendance will be the low teens because Rev. Faaivae has not been released from previous obligations in Oklahoma, where he has planted Samoan churches in the Heartland Conference. We are hoping that he will be released very shortly.

We are thankful to God for His blessings. May we always be sensitive to new opportunities that He will provide for us.

Rev. Phillip Bland and his wife, Holly, pastor the Jacksonville Pentecostal Holiness Church. They have three children.

Pentecostal Holiness Church

"Jesucristo Fuente de Amor"
History

I have preached the Word of God in the United States, in South America, Central America, and the Caribbean with my wife and my four children. Toward the end of the year 2000, the Holy Spirit revealed to us that He wanted us to work with His people in North Carolina as a pastor of His people. From the beginning of 2001 we felt the urging of the Holy Spirit to pastor. One night in March 2001 we arrived at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Smithfield with the Pastor, Rev. Wayne White. There was a revival, and during the revival the Holy Spirit impressed upon Pastor White and the minister who was preaching, the goals for our family. Pastor White followed the directions of God and gave us keys to the Smithfield Church so we could start a church for Hispanic people.

We started our first service on Sunday, April 8, 2001, with my wife and my children. The first few months were very hard, but we knew that God was building a new body of Christ for Him.

In June of 2002 this mission increased from 6 members to 37, and it became organized as a church by Rev. Danny Nelson. Currently, December 2002, we have a growth of 62% of the members (60 members). We tracked this using an organizational chart with the department of the Bible School, Department of Evangelism, leaders and deacons. We are now working with the big projects with the objective to reach souls and plant another church.

Finally, we want to say "thanks" to the American Pastor Rev. Wayne White and his church for giving us his spiritual support and his patience to treat our Hispanic community kindly. To the members of the church, I would like to thank you for having a kind heart to work for God's Kingdom.

Pastor Rodolfo Olivo
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Pastor Rev. Rodolfo Olivo has been working with the Pentecostal Holiness Church as an ordained minister for 8 years. His wife, Pastor Miguelina Olivo, has been taking the training for pastors in Oklahoma City. She is in the third level of training. This project has the goal of giving a better solid knowledge about God's Word to our people.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Building Healthy Families

Dwight L. Dunning
Family Life Ministries Coordinator

Healthy churches build healthy families. Healthy families build healthy churches. Both are desirable. Neither come by accident. Healthy families are a result of planning and hard work. Proverbs 24:34 reads, "Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches." Notice the three forces mentioned here: wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. These three characteristics are not automatic, but are developed intentionally and require effort. But look at the rewards for such efforts: The family is built; the family is established; and the family is filled with all precious and pleasant riches. Is this a description of the families of your church? The Bible says there are at least four things we can do to build healthy families.

1. PREPARE YOUR FAMILY FOR LIFE

The family is the learning center for life. There are skills that are learned here that cannot be learned anywhere else. Most of us are familiar with the basic skills learned in the home: walking, talking, eating, using the remote control... But the Bible indicates that healthy growth goes much deeper than that.

Jesus was the healthiest man ever to live. What does the Bible say about His growth in the family setting? Luke 2:52 – "Jesus increased (grew) in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." There are four domains of growth mentioned here: (1) wisdom – mental growth; (2) stature – physical growth; (3) favor with God – spiritual growth; and (4) favor with man – social and emotional growth. We tend to work fairly hard at the first two, insisting children get the best education and the best medical care available. But too often we forget the supreme importance of the spiritual and social components of life. Healthy growth includes all four. Church Education Ministries emphasizes the latter two because spiritual and moral social development are rarely taught anywhere outside the home and church.

Deuteronomy 6:7 reads, "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou art in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Notice the emphasis here: "Thou" – it is not somebody else's responsibility; "shalt" – It is not an option; it is a command from God; "teach" – we teach our children all the time whether we realize it or not: we teach them the ways of the world or the ways of the Word by our words, attitudes, and behavior; "commandments" – they are not suggestions or hints for holiness; "when thou sittest... liest down... risest up..." – that covers all the time. Children automatically pick up on the beliefs, values, character, and behaviors of significant others in their lives.

2. PROTECT YOUR FAMILY IN THE STORMS

We can't keep our families from experiencing storms, but we can help protect them from the devastating effect of the storms. Strong families are a refuge, a place of safety, from the storms of life. Proverbs 14:26 says, "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence; and his children shall have a place of refuge." Family members are faced constantly with the storms of change, failure, rejection, and disappointment. Four ways to shelter them are to (1) Hear them – just listen; (2) Hug them – unconditional love; (3) Hope in them – affirm them, build them up; and (4) Help them – be available for them.

3. MAKE YOUR HOME A PLEASANT PLACE

"Children are a gift of God." Gifts are intended to be enjoyed, not just endured. Israel's calendar is filled with feasts and celebrations. Our homes should be places of laughter and joy as well. If home isn't fun, they will go somewhere else to find fun. If church isn't fun, they will go somewhere else to find fun.

4. POINT YOUR FAMILY TO GOD

Ephesians 6:4 – "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We don't have all the answers. Our job is to point them to a God who does. "Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding." –Proverbs 10:9 (CEV).

Word from the Director

Rev. Charles Boyd

As I travel around this conference, I notice one thing almost everywhere I go, a generational gap in our churches. Too many are turning off the youth or turning off the Primetimers (Sr. Adults). We need to remember Superintendent Thompson's theme for 2003, "Him, It's All About Him." This year the Church Education Ministries Convention will offer something for everyone. We especially want to invite and welcome your church's youth to be a part of this exciting convention. Friday night will be an exciting night for all ages as our guest speaker speaks to us about "Bridging the Gap." Please make a special effort to be at the convention this year and bring your entire church leadership team.

Together we can bridge the gap!

NC Conference CEM Convention Guest Speaker

Dr. Doug Beacham: Executive Director of Church Education Ministries, IPHC.
Dr. Beacham will offer wisdom on how to Bridge the Gap!

Agenda:

Friday, February 28, 2003
7:30 p.m. Session with Dr. Beacham – "Bridging the Gap"
9:00 p.m. Refreshments
10:00 p.m. Late Night with the Emmanuel College "Players" – Drama Team

Saturday, March 1, 2003
8:30 a.m. Registration
8:45 a.m. Welcome and General Session with Dr. Beacham
9:45–10:45 a.m. Breakout 1
10:35–11:05 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:05–11:55 a.m. Breakout 2
12:00–12:50 a.m. Breakout 3

Breakout Session Titles

- Who needs a $1000 Paper Weight? Basic Computer Use in Church Ministries.
- More Than a Traffic Cop: The Role of Sunday School Superintendent.
- More Than a Club: What a Sunday School Looks Like.
- Media Ministry and Marketing Your Church.
- The "Why's" and "How's" of a Singles Ministry.
- The "Why's" and "How's" of a College & Career Ministry.
- Talent Quest – Be in the Know.
- Bible Quest – Software Demo.
- Mobilizing Teenagers in Ministry.
- How to Start a Ministry in your Public Schools.
- Pastor and Youth Pastor, Worker, Helper, Volunteer Relationship.
- Primetimers Breakout – Sr. Adult
- More Than Nasal Drainage: Leading Kids to Christ.
- Royal Rangers Ministry & Frontier Camping Fellowship Promotions.
- Christianity and Psychology
- Emotionally Healthy Leaders.
- Pornography, Adultery, and Addiction in the Church.

Registration: The Friday evening session with Dr. Beacham is **FREE** and open to anyone. This does not require pre-registration. Everyone pre-registred for Saturday's training by February 24, 2003, will receive the early pre-registration fee and a free tape.

Cost: Early registration by Monday, February 24, 2003, is $12.00 per person or $15.00 at the door. Your church may send an unlimited amount of folks for just $120.00 pre-registration or $150.00 at the door. Youth ages 18 and under $6.00. Unlimited youth $60.00.

Accommodations: FREE overnight lodging will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations can be made by calling CEM Department Secretary at (910) 980-1162 ext. 204

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"But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings..."

–Malachi 4:2

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Fruit Brings Rejoicing!

I grew up on a farm. It is a hard but wonderful life. From my adolescent years I have had a garden. I continue to plant a small garden. It is a special joy to enter the tomato-growing contest of Falcon.

It amazes me, the potential for fruit that is contained within a seed. It is a wonder of God! Only He through the process of germination can bring forth life, growth, and ultimately fruit.

Just before leaving Holmes Bible College in 1974, the Lord impressed upon me a passage of Scripture. It came at a time when Betty and I were earnestly seeking God about whether to leave school after graduation or remain and teach. We desired His will! He gave us an answer:

"Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:5-6.

We left the school. A few weeks later we were married. One week later, we were assigned to pastor the Oak Ridge Church near Falcon. We were in His will. Hopefully for many years now we have been sowing seed that even in years to come will bring forth even more fruit.

Doing the will of God in proclaiming the gospel involves work. Soils must be prepared. Fertilizer must be added. The proper seeds must be planted. The sun must shine. Appropriate amounts of water must be present. The Lord then will do His work. Fruit will be the result.

In the process there are always new things to learn. In growing tomatoes I have learned several secrets. Try these: Clorox for nematodes, aluminum foil for cut worms, egg shells for blossom end rot, "trenching" for better root development, suckering for focused growth, blossom set for early set of fruit (tomatoes set normally between 50° F and 70° F), and many others. There can be new techniques, but the basics remain the same.

In fruit production for the Lord there are always new things to learn. We can all grow closer and learn His ways. There are fundamental truths in "gospel fruit." The origin is in God the Father. The substance is Jesus Christ, His son. The attestation of the gospel is the scripture. The scope is all nations. Our immediate purpose in proclaiming is to bring people to the obedience of faith. Our ultimate goal is the glory of the name of Jesus.

We work. We pray. We prepare, but only the Lord produces the fruit. The Lord is the One working through the saving activity of Jesus. He is the author of the gospel, (I Thess. 2:13). The gospel is His message to mankind (Romans 15:10). Here is the seed to change men and the world. Changed lives are the fruit. Only God calls and commissions the messengers of this good news, and in addition, only God gives the messengers the story they are to make known (Romans 10:14-15; 1 John 1:5).

Recently in a counseling I was asked my advice. I gave it, but in the process mentioned that the Lord's will was most important. The individual immediately responded, "If we consider what He wants, then everything changes!" He already knew the will of the Lord but was not willing to follow it.

The Lord has given some beautiful and tasty fruit within the N.C. Conference. I am a third generation Pentecostal Holiness Christian. I am thankful for my heritage. Just today (February 4) Mom said at breakfast, "This morning I finished reading my Bible for the first time this year." Wow! She puts her son to shame. She will read it several times this year.

Each of us must be thankful for those who produced us and brought us into the faith. However, the end is not us! We are to die to ourselves and release our seed into others. It is not about us, but about Him. What He desires is more fruit. Remember when Jesus cursed the non-bearing fruit tree! He is always looking for fruit.

It is hard to beat a homegrown tomato sandwich during the summer (or anytime, for that matter). Likewise, it is hard to beat the experience when the Lord brings a new sinner home.

So do the work! Prepare the soil. Plant the seed. Fertilize. Water. Talk to the plants. Bring forth the fruit and then ENJOY!

SPECIAL UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

March 22- Lady Ministers' Training Day
April 10- New Ministers' Training Day
May 15 - License Examining Day
May 16- Ordination Examining Day
May 19-21 - Superannuate Ministers' Retreat
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EVANGELISM EXPLOSION

Pastor John Hedgepeth, Northwood Temple, Fayetteville, N.C., is hosting an Evangelism Explosion Clinic for pastors and laypersons, on 28 April – 2 May, 2003 (Monday through Friday).

This year's clinic is a 4½ day clinic. Cost: $395.00 per person. If three persons attend from the same church, cost is $360.00 per person. This covers cost of materials and all meals except lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Clinic teachers are furnished by Dr. James Kennedy, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

For more information call E. E. International, 954-491-6100, and speak to either Judi Buller or Susan Baxter; or call Cal Maulden, Northwood Temple, 910-488-7474.

Available for Revivals

Reverend M. L. Bloodworth is open for revivals. Brother Bloodworth has retired from pastoring and is interested in conducting revivals in the North Carolina Conference. If you are interested, you may contact him by phone (757-499-5245) or write to: Rev. M. L. Bloodworth, 5410 Bluemont Ct., Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462.

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Rev. Guy Prosper	April 29

Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Planning Your Preaching: A Step by Step Guide for Developing a One-Year Preaching Calendar

by Stephen N. Rummage. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Kregel Publications, 2002. 235 pages.

Planning for a whole year of preaching requires much discipline and determination, not to mention the time and hard work that go along with the process, but it reduces so much stress, builds your library, saves and protects your time, and believe it or not, allows for greater leadership of the Holy Spirit. Experience alone teaches the conscientious pastor that preparation and planning are never a waste of time, especially relating to the task of preaching and teaching the Word of God to his or her congregation.

Rummage, an associate professor of preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a member of the Evangelical Homiletics Society, has produced a work that is very practical and helpful, especially to the pastor who is required to preach at least two or three times a week. One of the continuing tasks and most demanding of the pastor is the search for new material and preparing the next message for the Sunday that is always around the corner.

The author stated, "I have discovered that there is only one thing worse than sitting at your desk on Monday not knowing what to preach Sunday, and that's sitting at your desk on Saturday not knowing what to preach Sunday." Hopefully this has never happened to any of my fellow ministers, but we must all agree that preaching to address the special needs of the congregation, and having that "just right" message for the holiday or special day can be a most demanding responsibility.

The publication consists of ten chapters designed to attend to the various aspects of sermon preparation, including the mechanics of planning, expository series, special days, doctrinal preaching, and pastoral preaching. Numerous samples of thematic, pastoral, and expository series are presented along with helpful hints as to how to carry out the planning process. Strongly recommended and worth having in your library, I am glad I have a copy.

High Expectations: The Remarkable Secrect for Keeping People in Your Church

by Thom. S. Rainer. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1999. 219 pages.

Have you read this book? I readily admit I have an incurable addiction to the purchase of books and journals, but for some reason, I did not have a copy of this publication. Perhaps this is true of you as well.

The book challenges the pastor to take a long, hard look at what his church is doing in terms of retention of members and friends of the church. Lately we have been hearing about the advantage of thinking outside the box. Well, this book will help you do just that as well as examine what you are doing in the box. To see the need is half the problem solved. Typically the church roll has far more members than actually attend on an average week. Also true of the majority of churches is that a fair percentage of people who come in the front door usually find their way to the back door, and never return.

Rainer, the dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth, conducted extensive research on churches, focusing in the area of membership retention and church growth. His answer to low retention of members includes ministry involvement, high expectations, and relationship building. The church that becomes proficient in these three critical areas will experience a higher retention of members. When membership means ministry, and high expectations become the norm, and people develop lasting, meaningful friendships with your church members, retention of a large percentage of your people will be realized. Happy Reading!

– MLD

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North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries but the same Lord. But to each one is given the manifestations of the Spirit for the common good."

–1 Cor. 12:4, 5, 7

NCWM Board Member, Mrs. Lois Trueblood Leadership Seminar, Shiloh P.H. Churh in Wilson, Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003.

Women of God, the Lord has placed a burden on my heart for each of you. Your NCWM Council has been listening to you and praying for you. Because an effective Women's Ministries program must be a team effort, we must try to help women identify their gifts. We need to find out what individual women like to do and what they do well. We need, also, to observe when a woman's service is not effective. We in leadership should do that for ourselves as well. It is no sin to recognize that we don't do everything equally well. Where I am weak, someone else is strong, and if we are working together, her strength makes up for my weakness and my strength supports her weakness.

During the Leadership Seminar in February, Lois Trueblood in her session on "Discovering and Sharing Your Deepest Passions" opened our eyes to the fact that so many times we try to wear too many hats, and when we do, the one that we really like to wear gets lost in the stack. It is easy to become overwhelmed with everything that needs to be done, but if we will work together, we can accomplish so much more.

May the Lord bless each of you as you serve the Lord in your special place of ministry and remember "Together We Can"!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

NCWM Leadership Seminar

NCWM Leadership Seminar was held on Saturday, February 1, 2003, at the Shiloh P.H. Church in Wilson. Approximately 250 ladies met for a time of training and fellowship. The theme, "Becoming a Woman of Passion," was right on target. (Information for this seminar was taken from the book, *Becoming a Woman of Passion*, by Carol Gift Page.) The anointing of the Holy Spirit was felt as each NCWM Council member led her sessions.

We would like to thank Mrs. Teresa Woodard and the ladies of the Shiloh Church for their warm hospitality. They did a great job setting up for us as well as preparing the bag lunch.

A great big "thank you" to Holly Bland for stepping in and helping with the music. She and Janice Marshburn did an outstanding job.

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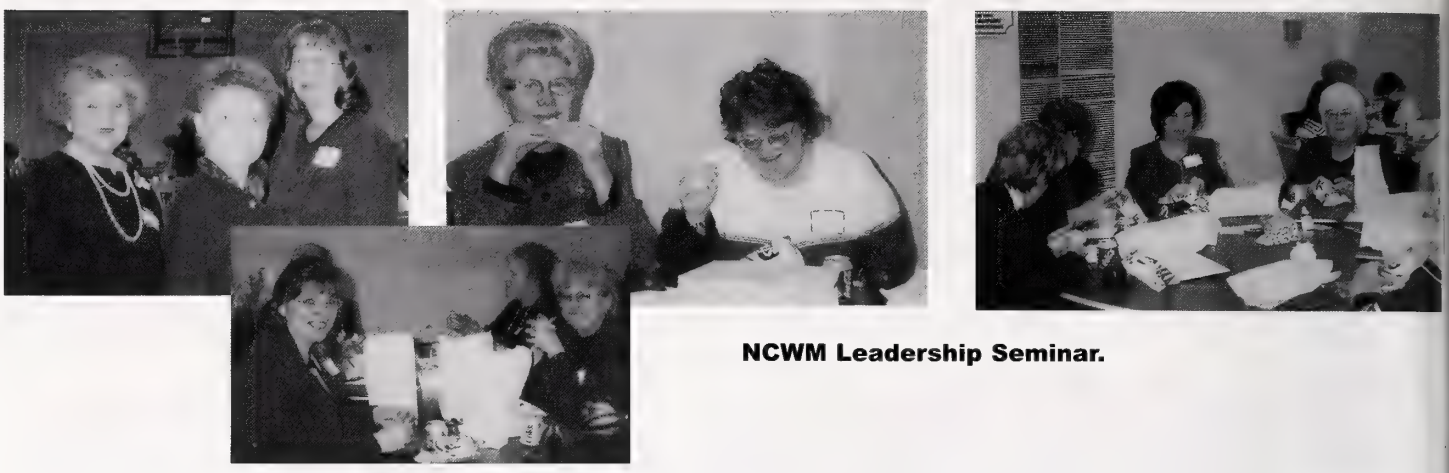

NCWM Leadership Seminar.

Happy Hearts

Held a joint meeting in Goldsboro on Monday, October 14, 2002. Rev. Donald Gray, pastor of the Red Hook Church in Brooklyn, New York, spoke at this special Happy Hearts meeting.

Westa Barefoot and Frances Hollingsworth.

Pastor Donald Gray and Rev. Blanch Pollard.

Don't miss all the fun, food, and fellowship. Happy Hearts will be meeting:

- **Monday, April 7, Clinton Area at Piggly Wiggly Restaurant**
- **Monday, April 14, Greenville Area at Golden Corral**
- **Monday, April 27, Smithfield Area at Holt's Lake**

Invite a friend and join the Happy Hearts!

World Intercession Network

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Inviting the Presence of God With Praise

As God's people we are to invoke the name of the Lord, lifting His name with thanksgiving, praise, and worship. We are to invite His presence in the midst of the congregation, in our individual lives and in the world.

In Psalm 108:1-6 we read the assurance of God's victory over enemies.

A prayer of praise and safety
"O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.
Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.
I will praise You, O Lord, among the people,
And I will sing praises to You, among the nations.
For Your mercy is great above the heavens,
And Your truth reaches to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
And Your glory above all the earth;
That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save with Your right hand, and hear me."

Here the psalmist sings praises unto God even in times of trouble. He invites the presence of God in his circumstances.

Giving thanks and praise unto the Lord sets the stage for divine intervention as we face times of personal trouble and calamity in the world.

We need to realize that prayer is not only declaring the word, praying in tongues, travailing before God, but seeking Him with times of praise, worship, and adoration. Our times of praise will lift us up to the realm of God's Spirit, and to the atmosphere where God is exalted and found.

In Psalm 34:1-3 the psalmist declares,
"I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praises shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make its boast in the Lord;
The humble shall hear of it and be glad.
Oh magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together."

Also, Ephesians 2:6 tells us that as believers we are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We have the right and privilege to enter into the heavenly realm, where the things of earth grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. In His presence we are strengthened, refreshed, renewed, and empowered.

LET US EXALT HIM AND GIVE HIM ALL GLORY AND PRAISE
This year the IPHC will celebrate "The Festival of Praise."

The N.C. Conference wants to make a joyful noise unto the Lord in times of worship. We want the Lord to be pleased with our worship as we grow to know Him more.

The aim is that the Lord be worshiped by at least one IPHC congregation one hour every day of the year, a continual love offering of praise from this corporate body. The festival began Jan. 1,2003. Our conference is assigned the months of May and June.

Let us invite the presenee of God as we worship Him.

"Oh magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt is name together."

–Psalm 34:3

Important Dates to Remember

Seeking God for the City / Prayer Guide	March 5 to April 13, 2003
The Purpose Driven Life	March 5 to April 13, 2003
National Day of Prayer	May 1, 2003
NC IPHC Festival of Praise	June 7, 2003
March For Jesus / Jesus Day	May / June 2003
Camp Meeting / WIN Prayer Time	Aug. 3-10, 2003
See You at the Pole	Sept. 17, 2003
Prayer for the Persecuted Church	Nov. 1, 2003
WIN Prayer Conference / Falcon	Nov. 1, 2003
First Friday Fast / Every Month	

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

Hebron Colony Ministries

I am 51 years old. Two years ago, I sat in my brick home drinking alcohol every day like I had for the past 25 years. The finance company was foreclosing on my house, and I wanted to die. My family was already gone.

A friend came by, a man that knew the power of God. He told me about a place of help God has provided for those prone to a weakness for alcohol and/or drugs. Located in the solitude and beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Hebron Colony Ministries, Inc. is a work of faith. No charge is made to the person who comes for help. They must only come of their own free will, earnestly desiring permanent victory, and they must remain for a period of 10 weeks.

Heeding my friend's advice, I went to Hebron on March 30, 2001. I discovered that the purpose of Hebron is to reclaim lives ruined by alcohol and drug abuse through the preaching, teaching, and studying of God's redemptive work through Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible. I stayed on as senior student and left five months later on August 11, 2001. They were the most important five months of my life.

Now almost two years later, God has answered all of my prayers. I've dedicated my life to Jesus. I am now busy working for the Lord. God has given me a Christian wife. I have my old job back. My 19-year-old son lives with us and goes to Lenoir Community College. My 15-year-old son and 13-year-old daughter are with me every other weekend.

Now instead of drinking alcohol, I minister at a nursing home on my day off. Whenever I can, I help my uncle, who is a licensed minister. So far, I've handled four services with just me and the Lord! A couple of years ago I would never have thought this could happen. We have an awesome God! I also play guitar and sing songs God has given me. God has given me a burning desire to serve Him.

I thank God for Hebron. It is truly a house of miracles. I know it was not an accident that I went to Hebron. It was a part of God's awesome plan. There I learned that I am nothing without God. I learned not to worry about worldly things, but to turn my life over to God and trust Him to supply all of my needs.

I'll tell you, men, what I have now been called to do. God wants me to take the very things Satan tried to destroy my life with, and, through the power of God that swells in me, turn it around and use my testimony of Jesus' saving grace to win others to Him! Others can change just as I have, by the touch of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. I thank God every day for saving my life. What a beautiful change!

My prayer for you is that God will bless you with unspeakable joy, not only in the world to come, but in this world also. I pray your path will be bright and full of God's light everywhere you go. May God tell darkness that it must flee at your command, and may your feet never stumble out of God's plan. May the desires of your heart come true. And may you experience peace in everything you do. In the name of Jesus, I pray that goodness, kindness, and mercy will come your way.

God bless you,
A brother in Christ
(and coworker of Ronnie Basden),
James Boyette

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

"...and having favor with all people..."
–Acts 2:47b

Even as I sit to write this article, I feel a sense of excitement and anticipation when evaluating what God has already accomplished in slightly more than a month in our conference. I praise Him for three new churches already; Watha Praise Fellowship, Elizabethtown Hispanic, and Havelock. I truly believe God is pouring out the Holy Spirit and that all across Eastern North Carolina we're having favor with people. During the recent 14 Missions meals there was a sense of excitement and vision as we heard what God was saying to our people. The year 2002 was indeed a great year in every aspect of Missions ministry across our conference, and yet 2003 challenges this conference again to be a record year. The urgency to lift up and pray for our missionaries and W.M.M. personnel was sensed. There were a sizable number of new faces in the meals to blend with the old faces as God taps new people to catch the vision and burden of missions; I am encouraged and excited. Again, in 2002 you responded to make the N.C. Conference number one in the IPHC. Our total Missions giving was $1,226,000. This was our greatest year for G.O. ($251,204). It gives me cause to praise as I see churches catch the vision of missions. I firmly believe that no church can be what God designs for it unless it encompasses Missions ministry. Thank God for our pastors who have caught the burden of Missions and promote it from the pulpit. The pulpit is vital to Missions, for unless it is promoted from that forum, Missions would suffer drastically. I challenge all 198 churches to work as a focused team and make this our greatest year in every individual church. Set goals in monthly commitment and in Global Outreach. We have available a great assortment and variety of promotional materials to make the job simpler. Pastor, take advantage of the tools available to help you in your missions endeavors. The conference total Missions giving goal for 2003 is $1,450,000; our Global Outreach goal is $275,000; and our People to People goal is $460,000. This is an achievable goal. This Conference will lead the way in becoming the first $2,000,000 conference. AMEN? As your conference Missions director, I stand ready to assist you and your Missions ministry in any capacity. One area in which we must concentrate is getting our youth and children involved in Missions ministry. Pastor, I urge you to tap into this vibrant and powerful possibility in your congregation.

I am concluding my winter District Unit Meetings, and in each meeting there is a sense of focus and vision as they plan for the year and as they discuss the possibility and potential of church plants. God is opening so many doors, and while they're open, we must march through them because with the open doors there is "favor"; there is a growing receptivity to the gospel in Eastern North Carolina. There is growing realization of the magnitude of the harvest, and as we pray, God is sending reapers into the field. I am truly amazed at the power and depth of the scriptures. I have read and studied Matthew 9:37,38 numerous times; however, only recently did the Holy Spirit impress me strongly with a different understanding. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that *He will send forth laborers* into His harvest." Notice that there is no doubt that there is a harvest. It is plenteous; it is white unto harvest (ripe); there is no question that men's souls are ready for reaping. The prayer that we should be praying earnestly is that God will raise up men and women to enter the harvest to reap the ripened grain. Not only must we pray for, strive for, and seek God's face for revitalization and renewal; we must seek God's face for an influx of God-called men and women to rise and plant new churches in these, the final days of opportunity. There is one Pentecostal Holiness Church within the bounds of our conference for every 16,000 people; I would say that falls short of saturation of the Pentecostal Holiness witness. There is room for many more IPHCs in this conference. While God is opening the doors and granting favor, let's be quick, decisive, and focused as we respond and walk through. We are challenged by the IPHC

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to PLANT THREE' in this decade; a church like yours, a cross-cultural church, and a transnational church. This can be done numerous times over across this conference. We have the tools, the resources, and greatest of all, we have the power, anointing, and leading of the Holy Spirit. Our goal is that by the end of 2003 we will have 210 churches in this conference and by the end of this quadrennium to have 50 Hispanic churches. My prayer is that God will birth within us a vision for the harvest.

Join me, and let's make 2003 a great year of accomplishment, achievement, and celebration all for the glory of God, because everything we do is *an investment in eternity*. God is granting us favor. He is opening doors; let's take advantage.

Revitalizing Couples

This past 29 and 30 of November, the hispanic church, Oasis de Esperanza of Greenville, organized a matrimonial retreat in Falcon. There were 17 couples and 16 workers who attended and organized the event.

It was so nice to see the couples receiving the sanctity of forgiveness and strengthening their relationship in the presence of God and the teachings of Pedro Ramos of New Jersey. We would like to thank God for the opportunity to bring sanctity and life to their marriages and in the eyes of God, who has put His heart in the marriages of those in Eastern Carolina.

Our next retreat will be in September. We will send more information in the near future regarding the retreat.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
SPRING 2003

	District	Date	Place	Pastor
Monday	Fayetteville	March 10	Stedman	Randall Strickland
Tuesday	Williamston	March 11	Rehoboth	Jimmy Williams
Thursday	Goldsboro	March 13	Brock's Chapel	Vince Moore
Monday	Wilson	March 17	Thompson Chapel	Fred Jones
Tuesday	Clinton	March 18	Saint Matthew	Jimmy Swinson
Thursday	Wilmington	March 20	Gateway	Jay Young
Monday	Raleigh	March 24	Christ Cathedral of Praise	Al Marks
Tuesday	Greenville	March 25	Ayden	David Butts
Thursday	Morehead City	April 3	Harker's Island	Tim Bowen
Monday	Rocky Mount	April 7	Taylor's Chapel	Daniel Moss
Tuesday	Lumberton	April 8	Westview	Ashely Smith
Monday	New Bern	April 14	Vanceboro	Patsy Vaughan

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Where Did I Put That Letter?

Talk about frustration! How many times in the past year have you been certain that you received correspondence about some exciting event or ministry being offered by Church Education Ministries, but you had misplaced that letter? How about this scenario: You have volunteered to serve as the talent coordinator for the youth of your church, but the pastor or CEM director didn't pass along a certain mail-out from the NCCEM office.

"In this information age, why can't I easily put my hands on the important information I need to minister with excellence at my church?" That may very well be the question of many a Sunday school teacher, Bible Quest coach, local CEM board member, or even pastor. Unless you are an honors graduate of the John Maxwell School of Filing, you may occasionally find yourself in the predicament of needing information yesterday with no idea where to find it today.

More and more, Christian servants are gaining access to the Internet. No longer is the World Wide Web a novelty of computer geeks, big business, or urban churches. The Internet is an excellent vehicle for delivering information in a speedy and inexpensive way. Sure, there are some negatives we could address concerning this technology, and they are very serious; however, we will have to save that for another time.

What about that letter you were looking for? The North Carolina Conference Church Education Ministries has had a Web site for over a year now. Log on to the Internet and go to *www.nccem.net*. When the Web site opens, you will see the CEM logo as well as the IPHC logo. This "homepage" is your front door into an excellent resource for ministry and information. You can find everything from CEM Job Descriptions to the best age divisions for your Sunday school to winners of Talent Quest or the last Bible Quest tournament.

On the left side of the screen, you will find an extensive list of Web pages that focus on the various ministries offered by NCCEM. Our goal is that if you have a question about Church Education Ministries in the North Carolina Conference, you will soon be able to find that information by accessing the appropriate ministry page on the *nccem.net* Web site. Need an application for Falcon Youth Camp or a Royal Rangers event? Why call long distance and spend God's money on stamps when you can print one straight from the *nccem.net* Web site?

Space will not allow describing all the resources you will find by visiting the NCCEM Web site, but here is a partial list of the Web pages: CEM Director, CEM Board, Falcon Youth Camp, Upcoming Events, Sunday School, Youth Quest, Royal Rangers, Resources and Archives, Operation Teaching Tools, Kidz Quest, Prime Ministries, Family Life Ministries, Local Ministry News, Talent Quest, Bible Quest, Missions Quest and others.

Stay informed. Check out *www.nccem.net* today and discover all that is available to keep you and your ministry most effective in building the Kingdom of God. If you would like to be informed when the *nccem.net* Web site is updated, just email *roperphc@coastalnet.com*; we will be glad to add you to the update list.

-Oris Hubbard
NCCEM Secretary
Treasurer and *nccem.net* Web servant

Falcon Youth Camp 2003:

Senior Week:	June 15-19, 2003
Junior Week:	June 22-26, 2003
Primary Week	June 29 – July 3, 2003

Applications may be obtained on the CEM website at *www.nccem.net* or by calling the CEM office at (910) 980-1162 ext. 204. The theme for Falcon Youth Camp 2003 is:

"NOW I SEE!"

A Message from the Director

Is your eyesight sometimes blury? Do you find it hard to focus? Do the details escape your attention? I know the older I get, the more I find myself squinting to see just a little bit better. Maybe you don't need new **glasses**; you need **new eyes**. At Falcon Youth Camp we want to take a look at your **Spiritual Sight**.

When Jesus walked the earth, He went about healing the sick, curing diseases, and making blind men see (Luke 7:22). One poor guy was **blind** from birth. Jesus rubbed some mud on his eyes and told him to go wash it off and then he would **see**. Sure enough, it was as if he got a brand new pair of eyes! (John 9:6, 7)

Many people today go through life nearsighted, cross-eyed, or blind as a bat and don't even know it. Spiritually, they walk around with mud-caked eyes, never seeing God's goodness, feeling their way around in a dark world, never seeing the light (2 Cor. 4:3, 4). "I have come into this world," Jesus said, "that those who do not see, may see" (John 9:39). In other words, Jesus is offering all of us a **brand new pair of eyes**!

This is one reason why we think Falcon Youth Camp is so important. Many young people come to camp with eyes that are half-open or even closed, but when they leave, their eyes are **wide open**. These young people are ready to go out, win hearts and lives to Christ.

"For it is God...who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God...in Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). If you call out just like the man born blind (Rom. 10:13), Jesus will give you new eyes; then you can say, **"Now I See!"**

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*"...Why seek ye the **living** among the dead?*

*He is not here, but is **risen**..."*

-Luke 24:5, 6

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

Blessings and Praises!

Costa Rica

It is a time to praise the Lord! Let everything that hath breath praise His holy name! He has been so good to us all.

Betty and I were able to attend the Third World Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Costa Rica, February 12 through 19. It was a marvelous time of renewing friendships and hearing of the blessings of the Lord. The Lord has richly blessed the Pentecostal Holiness Church all around the world.

Wednesday was a day of travel. We left home at 3:00 a.m. to meet our scheduled flight in Raleigh. We arrived in early afternoon in San José, Costa Rica. The late afternoon was spent in getting acquainted with the area and the hotel. There was an excellent banquet on Wednesday evening for the early arrivals.

Thursday morning was spent in meetings for me. At lunch Betty and I were able to enjoy a nice lunch and great fellowship with the Bishop, other General Executive Board members, and the World Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship Committee. After lunch Betty and I journeyed to the Costa Rican Pentecostal Holiness Headquarters and toured the John Parker Campground. This was a pure delight, especially since John and Edna led the private tour. Our dear friends Darrel and Bonnie Clowers were along. In fact, Darrel drove. Praise the Lord!

On Thursday evening all 300 delegates came together for an opening banquet. The food was great and the program excellent. People from all over the world interacted and fellowshiped. Heaven will be a wonderful place.

Friday, all day, and the Saturday morning hours were spent in sessions of instruction, praise, and worship. Leaders from all over the world reported on the Lord's blessings. Some of these reports were utterly fantastic. Special words from the Lord came forth. Through all these reports and words a spirit of unity and purpose came forth. There is a job to do, and the Lord is anointing.

On Saturday afternoon, Betty got me away to a local mall for shopping. It was a joy to be with her. Shopping is not my cup of tea. She did well and purchased some bargains. (I did find one or two myself.)

On Saturday night we boarded buses for the final rally at the local sports arena. We arrived at 5:00 p.m. to standing room only. Some 7,000 were present. The service lasted for 4½ hours. The Costa Rican church sponsored one fantastic service. Children, teens, and adults dressed in colorful costumes led the worship. It was awesome. The Bishop preached! My, did he preach! The service was long, but everyone was blessed. Dinner (supper) was very late on Saturday night, but most welcomed.

On Sunday morning I spent the morning in an early GEB (General Executive Board) meeting at 8:00 a.m. and full GBA (General Board of Administration) meeting at 9:30 a.m. These were very important meetings. There are always important decisions before us.

On Sunday Betty left early to ride 1½ hours to a church being dedicated in honor of John and Edna Parker. She attended with Danny and Rose Nelson, John and Edna Parker, Rose Boyd, Darrel and Bonnie Clowers, and many other dear friends. Brother Nelson describes this dedication in his article. I regret missing this dedication. Betty enjoyed the service greatly. Our own Fernando Angulo from Dunn preached. Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn (Pastor Ron Wooten) had raised the funds for this new church. Be sure to read Brother Nelson's article. Betty arrived back at the hotel in mid-afternoon.

Around 5:00 p.m. on Sunday we boarded the buses for a trip to a local church for services. We

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attended a church with two other buses. The Bishop preached. Our delegation went to several different services. The service was shorter than Saturday night, only three hours. It was a Spirit-anointed service. The presence of the Lord filled the church. It was camp meeting! Language is not a barrier when the Spirit is moving. The aisles and altar were filled with worshipers praising the Lord and in intercession. After the service we again enjoyed a late night dinner.

Monday and Tuesday were free days. We spent these days from 7:00 a.m. in the morning until 7:30 at night riding buses over Costa Rica. Our driver called some of the bridges in the mountains "Oh God!" bridges. When he drove over them, we knew why. We toured a rain forest (and got rained on), coffee plantation, volcano, and many other places. The bus rides were tiring, but the fellowship was very rewarding and strengthening. Betty and I have found friends from all over the PH World.

Wednesday was a day of travel back home. We made it safely home by 1:00 a.m. on Thursday. It was great to get home.

Every time I make a trip where I see our members from other conferences and nations, I am blessed. Our family is large and growing every day. The Lord has given us some very gifted individuals.

Virginia Beach

On March 3 through 5 some 31 couples met in Virginia Beach Founder's Inn for a Minister and Spouse Retreat. Rev. Stan Lambert of Metz, West Virginia, was the primary speaker. Revs. Dan and Brenda Clowers were also with us. They all did a great job.

We had a delightful time in worship and instruction. Al and Dee Marks of Christ Cathedral of Praise led the worship time. They are gifted and have a special anointing.

I believe the Lord did some healing and blessing during these three days. Ministers and spouses are under attack. They need to get together to pray, worship, and fellowship. By being together, they can form bonds to help in time of need.

Betty and I hope to increase these numbers in future meetings. We must stand together.

2002 Final Stats

Well, after much effort from our secretaries all the stats are in. Some 74 pastors had to be called. (We must do better in getting in the year-end reports.) We had gains in all reporting areas (even after some cleaned their rolls). To God be the glory for His blessings. Here are the results!

Membership	Sunday school	AM Attendance
26,054	11,735	18,954
185↑	376↑	523↑
.7%	3.3%	2.8%

IT IS ALL ABOUT **HIM**!
Praise **HIS** name!

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL & MAY

- **Rev. Vera Griffin** April 7
- **Rev. Jesse Horne** April 8
- **Rev. G. S. Holliday** April 11
- **Rev. S. J. Williams** April 16
- **Rev. W. J. Forehand** April 17
- **Rev. Rodney Knowles** April 23
- **Rev. Jettie Parker** April 24
- **Rev. Elton Lancaster** April 27
- **Rev. Georgia Osborne** April 28
- **Rev. Guy Prosper** April 29
- **Rev. R. N. Hood** May 19
- **Rev. W. M. Watkins** May 20
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Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
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Think Biblically: Recovering a Christian Worldview.

John MacArthur, gen. ed., with the Master's College Faculty. Wheaton Crossway Books, 2003. 368 pages.

Why is a worldview so important? Because the worldview or conceptual scheme to which a person holds determines the framework by which he or she makes decisions and provides the determinative factor of the contemporary outworkings and applications in daily life. A person's worldview shapes the person's perspective of life. How a person interprets life and the world around him is found in his worldview. The Christian worldview, based on the mind of Christ and the Holy Scriptures, serves as the only viable worldview. Of course, others would strongly disagree.

The Master's College faculty present the Christian worldview relative to cardinal issues such as Scripture, creation, sin, the nations, the postmodern world, masculinity, femininity, worship and music, counseling, science, Christian education, history, church and state, economics, and the literary and artistic culture. Possessing a biblical worldview that correctly explains and interprets the world on these and other vital issues glorifies God and steers the believer and the church in the right direction.

MacArthur and his colleagues have done a great service for the Church by identifying the essential distinctives necessary for a biblical worldview. The current apostasy has abandoned the distinctives of the biblical worldview, which prompted the need for recovering the Christian worldview in the first place. It has been lost to some degree because the modern church, so prone to wander, has adopted Laodicean perspectives. The dumbing down of the church potentially rushes the church headlong into spiritual disaster. The only preventative for wholesale apostasy, then, is a return to the fundamentals of the faith.

The church must go back to its roots. We must become men and women of the Logos, wholeheartedly and staunchly committed to the authority and sound teachings of Holy Scripture. What is needed more than ever is a spiritual discernment distinguishing the world spirit from the Holy Spirit, the corrupt value system of the world from Christian values, and worldly optimism and utopianism from the biblical and blessed hope promised in the Word of God. We must be reminded, dear reader, that the Christian is locked in combat with the world, the flesh, and the devil, which are formidable opponents, and they do not fight fairly. The tactics of the enemy are devious. Counterfeiting, one of Satan's powerful methods, seeks to undermine everything the church holds near and dear to her heart. Allow me to recommend this publication to you as we resist the enemy together.

– MLD

Grow Your Church From the Outside In

by George Barna. Ventura, California: Regal Books from Gospel Light, 2002. 176 pages.

While Barna has been heavily criticized in some circles for his points of view about doing church and reaching out to the unchurched, nevertheless, he provides in this publication noteworthy and useful information that will help every pastor and layperson understand the dynamics and forces behind the group of people we are attempting to reach. Wise is the person who is able to enjoy the fish and discard the bones.

Facts and statistics based on sound research are always helpful. It doesn't require a rocket scientist I.Q. to understand that if the Church can identify the unchurched and understand why they don't want to be reached, then just maybe we can do a better job of reaching them with the good news of Jesus Christ. We must not fall into the trap of the person who said, "Don't confuse me with the facts. Let me believe what I want to believe. I am entitled to my opinions" (even if they are wrong). Facts speak for themselves and give ministers and laypersons valuable insight into the thinking and behavior patterns of the lost.

As an optimist, I personally believe that most pastors and churches want to grow. Growth for a church is as natural as the growth of a small baby. It is God's will for every church to grow. But it also goes without saying that the Lord wants the church to grow from the outside in. The business of the church is to seek and reach the lost. God wants to mobilize the church to reach the vast numbers of lost people. Interestingly enough, nationwide, less than 20% of all church growth comes through conversion. Is it right when smaller churches tend to focus on internal, maintenance-style ministry and largely ignore the external outreach? Sinners are everywhere. The woods, hedges and the byways are full of 'em! The fields are white already to harvest. And yet research tells us that 73% of the unchurched have not been invited to a church in the past 12 months!

In the book, Barna presents characteristics, beliefs, desires, values, attitudes, lifestyles, and demographics of the unchurched, followed by practical strategies to attract and reach them for Christ. Chapter nine is especially helpful, in which Barna identifies 12 misconceptions about ministry to the unchurched.

Once again, the age-old, undying truth is that people are looking for more than a friendly church. They are looking for a friend, a genuine friend. What better friend to find than Jesus Christ, right? Yes, this is true, but the unchurched often need Christian friends before they find the Friend who sticks closer than a brother. The one core factor growing the Church is relationships. Find ways to initiate and build relationships with the unchurched, and then get ready for God to move mightily through the Church. Happy Reading.

– MLD

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who sre being saved and among those who are perishing."
–2 Corinthians 2:14-15

Women of God, may I ask you a question? How does your garden grow?

A few years ago, my salesman husband – not a farmer, but a salesman – decided he wanted to plant tomatoes. His mother was kind enough to let him plot out a small area in her back yard. He went to the local garden center and asked a lot of questions. I would like to share with you a few lessons that were learned.

First he had to get the soil ready. He used a rotary hoe to cut up the grass and get out the roots. Sometimes we have to ask God to help us remove the roots of bitterness and strife from our hearts. Once the soil is prepared, then we can plant good seeds. After he planted his tomatoes, it wasn't long before "Mr. Henry" realized these plants needed support. So he tied them to stakes. Sometimes we need a little support from loved ones to meet our challenges and perform at our best.

He realized quickly that the tomatoes needed constant care. Weeds had to be removed, and the plants had to be watered daily. We were never promised a rose garden. The word *garden* in the Bible is associated with getting kicked out of the Garden of Eden or facing death in Gethsemane. Life isn't always going to come up roses. But that's okay; it can still be exciting, meaningful and lovely if we are good stewards with the plots God has given us to tend.

Expect the enemy. Whether it is bugs, disease, or the local gossip, there will always be pests. They come with the territory. The best defense is preparation. If we don't stop them at the first onslaught, they might take over the whole garden and our lives. *"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap"* (Gal. 6:7).

The results of this adventure were fantastic. We had large, juicy tomatoes all summer and into the fall, but it took a lot of planning, preparation, and perseverance. What is planted in your heart? Only you can decide.

As you allow the Lord to plant your garden, may you be a blessing to others.

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Spotlight for April

Rev. Janice Marshburn has served on the NCWM Board since 1994, when she was elected to serve as a board member. In June 1998 she was elected to serve as assistant director.

Janice and her husband, Gary, live in Richlands. She loves to read and relax in the mountains of North Carolina, but her passion is "preaching." She is our little "Ball of Fire." She has a deep love for Women's Ministries and enjoys the calling that God has placed on her life. She is a genuine asset to the North Carolina Women's Ministries. We are proud to have her on our team.

You can contact Janice by calling (910) 324-4388 or writing 539 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28540.

Upcoming Events

- May 1 – National Day of Prayer
- May 3 – Directors' Council. Falcon, N.C.
- May 17 – Girls' Ministries Retreat. Falcon, N.C.
- June 7 – NCWM Convention. Falcon, N.C.

Goldsboro First Missionettes

On Wednesday night, September 11, the Missionettes from the First P.H. Church in Goldsboro were invited to the Tabernacle P.H. Church to present the Missionettes program.

Bonnie Outlaw, Missionettes director, spoke briefly about our program and how we have grown from 35 to 70 girls in just a year and a half. She explained that our sponsors are required to attend a two-day Leadership Seminar and are certified to teach this great program. Our Missionettes club is a place for girls in the church to invite their friends to gather and talk about Jesus and be mentored by a sponsor who cares for them.

Renee Taylor told about the Rainbow Club for 3- and 4-year-old boys and girls. She explained their lessons are based on the Noah's Ark theme. Candi McClure spoke on the Daisies Club, better known as the Sunshine Club, and how the girls enjoy learning their memory verses, mottoes, colors, and most of all prayer time. The Daisies are kindergarten girls who are only in the Daisies Club for one year.

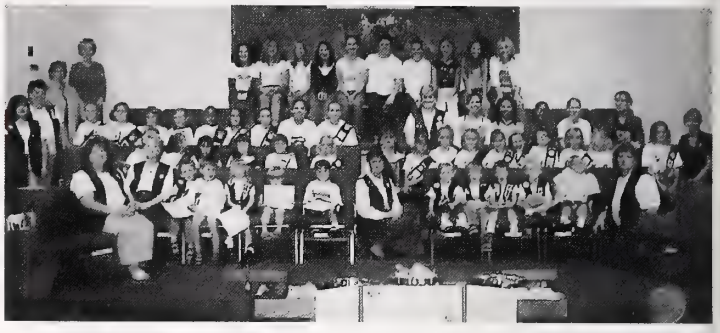
Crystal Grant presented the Prims Club (grades 1 and 2), which is known as the Discovery Club. The girls enjoy learning, reciting memory verses, and filling out their class worksheet. They are given two marbles when they enter the clubroom on Wednesday nights. If they are good and can complete their work, each girl places a marble or two in a jar. When the jar is so full the lid will not close, they have a pizza party!

Susan Croom gave a brief summary of the Stars Club (grades 3, 4, and 5). Jennie Hill introduced the Friends Club (grades 6, 7, and 8), and Donna Forehand spoke about the Girls Only Club (grades 9-12).

At the end there was a skit, "The Best Gift," presented by the girls. The Tabernacle P.H. Church served snacks afterwards. What better way to spend September 11, 2002, than in the house of the Lord, celebrating the Missionettes program and the impact it has made on our First Church girls! To God be the glory!

"Changing the World, One Girl at a Time"

– Bonnie Bizzell Outlaw, Missionettes Director



Potpourri

- *Shoe Saver* – If an unexpected downpour left your leather shoes drenched, stuff the wet shoes with newspaper and leave them to dry. This will protect their shape and guard against shrinkage.
- *Dusty Blinds* – To repel dust from blinds, mix one part fabric softener to four parts water. Apply with a soft cloth, and the dust will stay away.
- *Stop Unwanted Telemarketing Calls* – It happens to all of us. Right in the middle of dinner, your phone rings. The caller is selling anything from magazine subscriptions to vinyl siding. Is there a solution to this problem?

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PROCLAIM, DECLARE, CRY OUT

A united time of praise, prayer, and fasting

As God's people we are to proclaim to the world and the enemy forces that come against us, God's continual promises. The word *proclaim* means to announce officially, to be a proclaimer.

As the people of God we proclaim Him as:
A Faithful God.
Heavenly Father, I give You my praise and adoration, because You are a "faithful God, keeping [Your] covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love [You] and keep [Your] commands" (Deuteronomy 7:9).

The almighty God that reigns.
I praise You because "Your love, O Lord reaches to the heaven, your faithfulness to the skies" (Psalm 36:5) and "great is your faithfulness" (Lam. 3:23).

God my (our) victory.
Praise to You, my God because You are My Jehovah-Shalom (The Lord My Banner), "who always leads [me] in triumphant procession in Christ" (2 Cor. 2:14).

This year the IPH Churches have been called to unite in the efforts of prayer, fasting, and festival of praise. The NC IPHC is exhorted to celebrate this FESTIVAL in the months of May and June. We are also participating in seeking God for the city, state, country and world. What an exciting time it is to be able to be a part of the move of God in the church and in the world.

Prayer is the key that will unlock the treasures of God in our personal lives and in the world. So let us continue in our united times of prayer and praise.

Following you will find a list that will help you pray for our nation and leaders.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

1 Tim. 2:1-4
President George W. Bush
Vice President Richard Cheney
Secretary of State Colin Powell
Secretary of Treasury John Snow
Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld
Attorney General John Ashcroft
Secretary of Interior Gale Norton
Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman
Secretary of Commerce Donald L. Evans
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Secretary of Health & Human Services Tommy Thompson
Secretary of Housing & Urban Development Mel Martinez
Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta
Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham
Secretary of Education Roderick Paige
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F.B.I. Director Robert S. Mueller
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Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist
Justice David Souter
Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
Justice Clarence Thomas
Justice Anthony Kennedy
Justice Antonin Scalia
Justice Steven Breyer
Justice John P. Stevens
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

PRAYER FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

2 Samuel 23:3
For just leaders who rule in the fear of God.
Deut.17:16,17
Leaders free from covetousness and immorality who do not misuse power, position, or possessions.
Psalm 2:10,11
Leaders of wisdom with teachable spirits.
Proverbs 20:28
Leaders of mercy and truth.
Proverbs 29:4
Leaders who are free from bribery, corruption, flattery.
Proverbs 29:14
Leaders with a heart for the poor, charitable and compassionate.
Spiritual Leadership
John 17:11, 23
Protect, unite in love.
John 17:15
Keep from evil.
John 17:13
Keep joyful in the center of the will of God.
John 17:17, 20
Holy leaders who know God and love His Word; Consecrated visionaries.
Luke 22:46
Prayerful leaders with loving, obedient hearts.
James 1:5, 6
Leaders of wisdom, understanding, and faith.

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"Partners in Ministry"

Men Want Respect

by Dianne Hardee

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me." Most of us remember this song made popular decades ago by Aretha Franklin. Respect: what does it mean, and why is it so important? Studies have shown that it is the one thing that men desire most from their families and co-workers. "To admire, to honor, to pay attention to" is Webster's definition of respect. Respect, however, cannot be bought or demanded. An individual must earn respect from another.

In our society's struggle to gain more respect for women, respect for men has been on the decline. While it is true that women want to be respected as much as men, we have come up with the false notion that men and women are the same. In some ways we are the same; of course, men and women are of equal value, and God doesn't love men more than women. But make no mistake about it, men and women are different! Not only by the obvious physical characteristics, but our brains are different, therefore distinguishing us from one another both emotionally and psychologically. Our body chemicals are also different, which is one of the reasons a man can open a pickle jar with greater ease. We must realize and understand that God did not make a mistake when he created man and woman differently. He intended that there be a distinction between the two. Men do not think the way women think, and God did not intend that they should.

In our media-driven society, we are greatly influenced by what we see and read. Magazines, newspapers, talk shows, sitcoms, and news reports are constantly bombarding us with the world's view on how men and women should think and act. But most of these views are far from what our Creator teaches us in His word. Television regularly portrays men as silly, ignorant, wimpy, violent, unemployed, or gay. Little or no respect is shown to these men, and they in return show little respect. While some of these portrayals are certainly played out in real life, this is not the case in every household. Many of these TV shows constantly ridicule men and portray women as their superiors. It is never right or necessary to show disrespect to another in order to gain respect for oneself. Good manners and consideration for others have plummeted over the past several decades. The practice of good manners should begin in the home by respecting those in our own family. There are good, godly men in this world who deserve respect, and our society is in desperate need of these men. Begin acting like the man you want to be, and you will become that man.

If you are a man longing to be respected by your family and coworkers, the following guideline can help you **gain that respect:**

- **R** – Regard the feelings of others. Before you speak that harsh word, think about how it may affect someone else, and their respect for you. (Proverbs 15:1)
- **E** – Earn the respect of others. "Life serves back in the coin you pay." Begin consistently to show to others the respect that you want for yourself.
- **S** – Self-control and self-respect must come first. Stop blaming someone else for the lack of respect you receive; begin to respect yourself, and with your Bible open before you, practice self-control.
- **P** – Profit from your past mistakes and failures. They are in the past; leave them there! You can change only the future; use your past to help you become better, wiser, stronger, and worthy of respect.
- **E** – Earnestly seek after an intimate relationship with the Lord. Humble yourself before Him, "humility comes before honor" (Proverbs 15:33).
- **C** – Character is what you are when no one is looking. Become a man of character with high moral standards, always showing respect for others.
- **T** – Trustworthiness is essential for every man who wishes to gain respect. Integrity and dependability will clothe you like a royal robe and give you a good name.

Diane Hardee is the wife Randy Hardee, N.C. Men's Ministries Assistant Director. They reside with mutual respect and admiration in Kinston, N.C., where they attend the Kinston First P.H. Church.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Recently, Rose and I were privileged to attend the Third World Pentecostal Holiness Conference in San José, Costa Rica. We had great fellowship with IPHC people from around the world. We heard great reports of how God is blessing in every corner of the world through the ministry and message of the IPHC. We also received statements of vision and goals of our anticipation for the coming years. There were many highlights at the conference; among them was the celebration service on Saturday night, where 6000-7000 Costa Rican Pentecostal Holiness people joined us in praise and worship, and the Bishop preached. I can tell you with assurance that God is truly up to something in the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Another of the highlights had been planned, and on Sunday morning we left bright and early for the two-hour journey to the Mount Zion Pentecostal Holiness Church that was to be dedicated that day in honor of John and Edna Parker. The Parkers spent 23 years in Costa Rica and were a major factor in the Costa Rican Church being where it is today. It was an interesting ride and sometimes a bumpy one as we neared the church. Yet the ride was well worth the glorious time of celebration, worship, fellowship, preaching, and a great meal afterwards. A crowd of over 100 was present at the start of the service at 10:00 and continued to grow until there were nearly 175 present. The service began with the chorus, "Holy Spirit, You are Welcome." Then after the time of singing, the pastor read Zechariah 8:1-23 and used it as a basis to celebrate. He said that this day of celebration and dedication was indeed a great day in the life of Mount Zion Pentecostal Holiness Church. Among the guests at the service was the Costa Rican Superintendent, Rev. José Salas. Bro. Salas had the opportunity to speak, and in his comments he said that "to talk about John and Edna Parker was to talk about the foundation and structure of the Costa Rican Church." He referred to the Parkers as towers of strength. When they came to Costa Rica in 1951, there were little established work and much religious opposition, yet they stayed and worked and kept the faith, and the Costa Rican church is now flourishing. Overseas Missions Coordinator for Latin and South America, Rev. Dan Clowers, referred to the Parkers as people with an excellent spirit, like Daniel.

Sister Edna spoke next and gave a stirring testimony of the faithfulness of God. She said, "I surrendered to the Lord concerning the call to be a missionary by saying, 'Lord I don't have a talent, but if you can use my life it's yours.' We spent 23 years here, and now I'm older and can see the fruit of our labors. I am very happy."

Then Brother Parker spoke and said, "I am especially happy that this is a service of honor and not a memorial service. I am very appreciative. This service has little to do with us and everything to do with Jesus; I am very conscious of my limitations and all I've been able to do has been through God – so I give Him all the praise and honor, and my gratitude and appreciation to all who are present. I appreciate the pastor for his sacrifice and labor and vision. Good seed planted in good soil will produce its fruit."

Brother Parker told how the Mount Zion church was planted by a sister minister, and during those beginning months a revival was held, and in one night 28 people were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Fernando Angulo, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle Hispanic Church and a native of Costa Rica, preached the dedicatory message. His topic was "A Greater than Jonah is Here" and did a wonderful job of delivering a challenge to the people. At the conclusion of the message and prayer time, everyone went outside for the unveiling of the plaque that was placed in honor of John and Edna Parker. When the Parkers went to Costa Rica in 1951, there were 2 churches, and now there are 80, according to the latest statistics. To God be the glory, and thank God for pioneers such as the Parkers. The funds for the Mount Zion church were raised by two of our churches in the conference. Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn (pastor, Ron Wooten) started the fund-raising and a building trip in 2001 to start the actual structure; and Bro. Parker's home church, Living Faith Fellowship (pastor, Marty Warren), raised the funds needed to finish the project. I say thank you to these pastors and their congregations.

When former missionary Rick Hurst passed away suddenly in October 2001, a burden was birthed to sponsor a church-building project in Latin America to honor his memory. The vision was birthed out of his home church, Roanoke Rapids (pastor, Frank Elliott); and with Rick's mother (local missions director, Pat Parnell) challenging the local congregation, over $10,000 was raised in Rick's

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home church to fuel the project. The challenge was issued, and a number of other churches in the conference contributed, along with a long list of Rick's work associates. As of the end of January 2003, almost $23,000 has been raised. The site for the project was Mexicali, Mexico, where the existing church (El Shadai Temple PHC, pastor Martin Guerro) was in great need of a new sanctuary. The building trip was in several phases, and a conference building was planned for February 19-27, 2003. I was fortunate to be a part of this trip, along with six other brothers. The sanctuary is a 65' x 80' structure, and Pastor Guerro has a vision that by the end of 2003 he will have 1000 people. We were able to worship with El Shadai Temple on Sunday, February 23, and there were nearly 400 people in the sanctuary. It was a wonderful service, and the experience of helping to carry and lay 1900 6" and 8" blocks was indeed tremendous. As conference missions director, let me say to all the individuals and churches that contributed to both of the projects above, THANK YOU!

Church in memory of Rick Hurst. Mexicali, Mexico

Mount Zion Church, Costa Rica.

John and Edna Parker with Pastor Herman Guzman.

Group that went to Mexico and worked on Mexicali church.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Ways to Get Children Involved in Service

Too often we believe that children need to wait till they have reached a certain age to be involved in ministry. If this is true, then Jesus messed up. The Bible is clear about the importance of children finding a place of ministry or service. Children need to be serving now. This is training ground. Training them prepares better workers and worshipers for tomorrow.

1. Let a child contribute an article to the church newsletter.
2. Let children be involved in cleaning the church.
3. Let them work as greeters.
4. Let them assist in folding bulletins and other items to be mailed.
5. Let them adopt a People to People child.
6. Let them be trained to work the overhead, sound system, and computers. Most children today understand the tech part better than most adults. Of course this is under supervision.
7. Let them write letters to missionaries.
8. Let them help deliver meals to the shut-ins.
9. Let them take up the offering.
10. Let them offer a prayer at a casual mealtime.
11. Let them be involved in planning church gatherings for themselves.
12. Let them play and sing specials on Wednesday evening services.
13. Let them distribute Sunday school material for the new quarter.
14. Let them be servers at a sit down meal for the senior adults.
15. Let them pass out the visitor packets.
16. Let them learn to control the church lights.

As you see, there are numerous ways our children can serve now! It just takes someone with the desire to train. Take this list and create one adaptable to your local church.

Proper Preparation Helps Make Children's Church Work

Churches which develop effective children's ministry will have one of the needed catalysts to build the local church. Children's church is a place to encourage spiritual development, as well as training workers for the harvest.

Why do we need children's church?

It is more than fun and games. The purpose is to prepare children for what they will eventually do in the sanctuary. In children's church, developing their spiritual awareness of God is necessary. This doesn't mean we should make children's church identical to adult worship. Yet during this time we should train them about difficult aspects they have in regards to sanctuary worship.

Children's church should also be a place to train them to worship and reverence God. Here is where precedents can be set in regard to church behavior and expectations. It troubles me to see the disrespect for worship and the move of God from children in our churches. Establishing a children's church can help to make the children more aware of who God is, why we should reverence Him, and how Satan can use their movement to hinder someone else from receiving the Lord.

Thoughts for Success

Most children's churches would not receive Grade A. This is especially true in smaller churches. However, there are larger churches who wouldn't meet the grade either. This is due not to bad behavior, yet to the necessity of ministering to diverse age groups and finding volunteers with the heart to serve in this capacity. So, take a look at these few helpful hints.

- Start with a RELEVANT program. What we did in 1966 will not get it done today. Using outdated curricula and songs will bring a letdown and drowned enthusiasm.
- Make children's church PERSONAL. Often our children never even know one another well. Personalizing your children's church must be done age appropriately. Example: Just because a child turns 13 doesn't mean he is ready to hang around the 19-year-old. Same principle applies with 3-year-olds and 12-year-olds. A large age difference will not bring personalization.
- Let it become ACTIVE. Can you imagine going to the sanctuary on Sunday morning and not being able to participate in worship? Use lively music. Expect children to bring their offerings to the front. Use variety in your presentations, even allowing children to be participants or actors in your stories.
- CONSISTENCY: There are several areas in which this application needs to be enforced.
  1. Leadership: Changing or rotating workers every week will destroy effectiveness. This leads to inconsistent discipline. Discipline is important for making children's church successful.
  2. Format: Children like routine. Consistent format lends a better learning environment.
  3. Discipline: You must establish the expected behavior and stick to the rules. Children learn better with a controlled atmosphere. *Controlled* does not mean robots and soldiers.

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A Special Family in the Family of God Reunion Time

ATTENTION: NC Conference
WHAT: Annual Reunion
WHEN: May 31, 2003 – 9:00 a.m.
WHERE: Resource Development Center – Falcon, NC

Open letter to Family Members

You are my family. I have been chosen to "superintend" the family. The Father is directing me to work continually to enlarge the family, mature the family, and bring the family closer together. It is a joy to announce that our next family reunion is coming up.

Our Elder Brother has assured me that He will be present. He will be bringing special gifts of grace, love, strength, and instruction. His agent will be present to bless each of the family members. He already knows each of the family well and will have special directions for each member's success and well being.

Our brother from Oklahoma City Edward Wood will be present to give some special exhortations. He was born and grew up in the mountains of Virginia. He recently was relocated by the Father to Oklahoma.

During the reunion we all will have a family-style meal together. The meal is being provided from offerings given and the dues paid by the family members.

Several of our family members will be recognized for special achievements. Some have studied hard this year and are asking that we give them special recognition to carry the Father's Word. Others will have hands laid on them and be recognized as fully trained for the Father's ministry. It should be a delightful time of rejoicing. Our members are growing. The Father is at work!

We have such a delightful and diverse family now. The Father has blessed us. We are now somewhat over 26,000 members. There are 198 individual family units that meet several times each week. We have 527 family leaders of various designations. The Father is good.

Of our family leaders, 101 are of the female persuasion. Ninety-seven have labored faithfully and are carrying the designation of Royal Elders. Another 30 are Royal Elders who have had their companions go on ahead to live with the Father and Elder Brother in heaven.

All of our brothers and sisters do not look alike. What a wonderful thought and provision of the Father! Twenty-eight of the family units speak a different language. It is a thrill to get together to enjoy the differences. We are different, but we ARE family.

Some family units sing and express their love to the Father in different ways. Yet we are family focused on one book, the Father's book. We hold to some basic guidelines given by the Father. We all have been born into the family the same way. Our Elder Brother made that possible. Our basic core values are the same. For many of us our Father and Brother's Agent has spoken through us. He certainly gives us comfort and guidance. He directs us along the way. Sometimes we get sick. At times the Father will heal, and at other times His grace is sufficient. It is His choice, but He has given us the privilege to ask Him for healing. By the way, the Elder Brother is returning soon to take the family home to the Father. Those who are ready can go in the first trip. It certainly is exciting to be a part of this family.

The spouse and I are certainly working to help the family know one another better. At least twice every month we journey to local areas where the family members can meet together. We enjoy a time of eating, training, and fellowship. A special highlight of this time together is when we talk to the Father.

The Family Planning Committee and I are also working to strengthen the family. Other than the reunion time, many other activities are planned during the year at the family home place and at many other areas. There are so many activities that it gets a little hectic at times. But that is okay. Family members have different needs and enjoy many interests. Somehow it all comes together, and the family is benefited.

Well, I could go on and on. Perhaps it is time to close for now. It is so easy to talk about our family. I can hardly wait for the reunion to come. It is always such a joy to see everyone.

Oh, yes! Remember that this year the reunion and annual camp meeting time are at different times. The camp meeting will be August 3 - 10. I am really excited about the change. This way the reunion and camp meeting will not interfere nor hinder each other.

Remember, now, the reunion is May 31, Saturday, at the family home place. We start at 9:00 a.m. Let every family member be present, and may every family unit send some representatives.

God Bless! See you at the reunion.

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Inspirational Conference May 31, 2003

8:30 a.m.	Enrollment
9:00 a.m.	Call to Order
9:15 a.m.	Devotional/Leadership Training – Ed Wood
10:15 a.m.	Report of Examining Committee Report of the State of the Conference – Superintendent Recognitions and Awards
11:00 a.m.	Ordination
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Business Session – J.A. Culbreth Auditorium, etc. Appreciation Report – Roland Harrell Memoirs Report – Jimmy Whitfield Miscellaneous Business Adjournment

New Creation Reopened

Havelock, NC

The New Creation Church in Havelock closed in December. Over the Christmas season and in January, prayer was offered as to what to do with the facilities. Thought was given to selling the property, opening the church again, and possibly starting a Hispanic church. Enter Jack and Myrtle Jayroe.

The Jayroes contacted me about starting a church there. Sister Jayroe had been pastoring an Assembly of God church. After prayer, the Jayroes were appointed by the Conference Board as pastors at New Creation. Jack and Myrtle Jayroe (both members of the N.C. Conference) are 86 and 82, respectively. They had a burden for a church in Havelock. Time has proven them correct.

On the second Sunday of February, they opened the doors for the first Sunday service. The rest is history. Attendance is averaging in the high forties. Recently there were 52 in the Sunday morning service.

People are being saved, sanctified, and baptized in the Holy Ghost. Two families who had been at New Creation have returned. The services are characterized by a mighty presence of God. A spirit of excitement and anticipation reigns.

Presently this new group is renting the facility from the loan fund. Hopefully, in a few months they will be able to assume the loan. They already have been doing some much needed renovations. The Lord is at work! The pastors are already receiving a nice beginning salary.

The Lord is blessing in Havelock. Thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Jayroe. They have a fervent passion to do the work of the Lord. May the Lord give us many more like them.

– Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

Rev. Roy Ormond Williams

September 11, 1917 – March 7, 2003

Rev. Roy Williams was born on September 11, 1917, to Johnnie and Nannie Williams. He was a gift to the body of Christ and the N.C. Conference. He married Kathleen Hardee on June 18, 1938. He was first licensed to preach in the Pentecostal Church of Christ in 1945. He was ordained with this group in 1947 in Ashland, Kentucky. His first pastorate was Colington Island, Kill Devil Hills, NC. He preached and ministered in several churches in the Virginia Beach area.

Brother Williams was ordained by the N.C. Conference on August 26, 1950. He would ultimately pastor five of the conference churches. These were

Shelmerdine – 1950
Hopewell – 1950
Hodges Chapel – 1951-1954
Washington – 1954-1958
Grimesland – 1958-1966
Shelmerdine (now Family Life Tabernacle) – 1966-1982

He was an excellent pastor and well loved by his parishioners and the men and women of the Greenville area. For some 58 years he was a preacher of the Gospel.

The songwriter says, "Standing somewhere in the shadows, you'll find Jesus/ He knows every care/ He'll hear and answer prayer/ You'll know Him by the nail prints in His hand." So was Roy O. Williams. He ministered diligently and faithfully. He was never in the forefront. He ministered in the shadows, but minister he did. He was solid, stable, sure, and significant. He made a difference and, specializing in the transformation of shadows into sunlight, he lit His way! He knew in whom he believed, and was persuaded that He was able to keep that which he committed to Him.

Pastor Williams retired in 1981. Until his health failed, he continued to preach the Word faithfully at every opportunity. During his years of fervent ministry, he owned and operated Williams Construction Company (heavy equipment).

He is survived by his wife and faithful companion Kathleen H. Williams; and five sons, Ormond E. Williams and wife Peggy, Rev. Roy Lindsay Williams and wife Barbara, Rev. Bobby T. Williams and wife Anne, James W. Williams and wife Tamara, and Terry L. Williams and wife Carolyn. There are 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Rev. Samuel J. Williams is his brother. They loved and ministered together for years.

Rev. Williams' funeral was conducted on Sunday, March 9, 3:30 p.m., at the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel, Greenville, N.C. He was laid to rest in the Pinewood Memorial Park. He will be missed, but his influence continues.

Sarah Juanita Reardon Thompson

April 20, 1925 – February 11, 2003

A celebration service was held for Juanita Reardon Thompson on February 14, 2003, at Shumate-Faulk Funeral Home. She was the beloved wife of Rev. Johnnie Hubert Thompson (December 22, 1922 – April 7, 1993). Rev. Thompson was a faithful pastor in the N.C. Conference. This beautiful couple were my beloved uncle and aunt.

Juanita Reardon and J. Hubert Thompson were married on December 29, 1943. They were the parents of three children:

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Patricia Ann Mozingo, Ruth Blizzard, and James Nelson Thompson. She had six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Patricia Ann had already preceded her mother to heaven.

She loved the Lord fervently and especially enjoyed singing the Gospel. Her joys were her family and faithfully assisting her husband in the work of the Lord. She was a gardener.

She was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1984, which was successfully removed. Through occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy, she regained skills to live independently. Due to declining health, she moved in with her daughter Ruth in 1998. Over the years, she has been in and out of the hospital due to ministrokes, heart attacks, and congestive heart failure. She stepped over to heaven on February 11, 2003, at 4:25 p.m. She leaves a legacy of a life well lived to those who loved and cared for her.

– Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Cries From the Cross: A Journey Into the Heart of Jesus

by Erwin W. Lutzer. Chicago: Moody Press, 2002. 162 pages.

Every Christian should read this book because it is one of the best treatments of the seven sayings of Christ on the Cross I have ever read, and addresses the meaning of taking up one's cross and following Jesus. Consider this for a moment. How many times have we been told and even said ourselves that we want to hide behind the Cross? Is this doctrinally correct? Have we understood the meaning and implications of hiding behind the cross? We are to stand in front of the cross, not hide behind it. We are to take up our cross in view of everyone. As the *Maximus Peccator*, Jesus hid behind nothing as He was on display to the public in shame and humiliation, being crucified as a criminal. Are we better than our Master? More humble than Jesus? He admonished all believers to learn of Him and follow His example.

As the subtitle suggests a journey into the heart of Jesus, Lutzer has done a splendid job in getting to the heart of Jesus while He was dying as the God of wounds. What He said and why He said it are significant, in light of the fact that He chose to suffer as the Just for the unjust.

Lutzer stated, "At the cross all of the forces of the universe converged. Man did his work by killing the Son of God and revealing the evil of his heart; Satan did his work by bruising the seed of the woman and displaying the foolish hostility; Jesus did a work, for He died the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God; and, finally, God did a work by exhibiting His justice and love when His wrath was poured out on His Son." This book will prove a special addition to anyone's library. It blessed my heart, and I am confident it will bless yours. I could not put it down until I read it all!

When God Builds A Church: 10 Principles for Growing a Dynamic Church

by Bob Russell with Rusty Russell, West Monroe, Lousiana: Howard Publishing Co., Inc., 2002. 292 pages (Hardback).

Can the church be the city on a hill that cannot be hidden about which Jesus talked in the Sermon on the Mount? Can it grow large enough to attract throngs of seekers, yet be loving enough to care for each one who comes? Bob Russell, pastor of Southeast Christian Church, one of the largest and fastest-growing churches in America, says it can, but only when we are submissive to God's will and allow Him to build the church.

Can you imagine a church taking in 2400 new members in one year? Anyone who has accomplished this has my attention. Bob Russell and his son Rusty give God the praise for it all. They seem to operate from the right premise, understanding that God doesn't define success "in terms of attendance, offerings or the size of buildings. He measures effectiveness in terms of faithfulness to His Word, conformity to Jesus Christ, and ministry to those in need." The guiding principles of a growing church are truth, worship, leadership, excellence, faith, harmony, participation, fellowship, stewardship, and evangelism.

Russell presents valuable insight and wisdom concerning the 10 principles of a dynamic church. He argues that when a church is dying or dead, one or more factors are involved: the leaders aren't humble, with vision and desire to change; the congregation doesn't get along; they don't worship God, give generously, care about evangelism, do things with excellence; or God's truth isn't spoken from the pulpit.

The author also revealed something most pastors have realized through the years: that "in many small churches, there are one or two families that for generations have controlled the church. Their influence... becomes a matter of pride and power for them. They resist any new leader or new idea because it threatens their little empire." The local church is not an empire at all. It is to be the body of Christ and the voice of God in the community.

I highly recommend this book. Happy Reading!

Order these and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009, 1-800-541-1376.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY & JUNE

• **Rev. R. N. Hood**	May 19
• **Rev. W. M. Watkins**	May 20
• **Rev. J. Garland Edwards**	May 20
• **Rev. T. E. Bizzell**	May 21
• **Rev. McElree Purifoy**	May 28
• **Rev. Royce Beacham**	May 29
• **Rev. Horace Warwick**	June 1
• **Rev. Thad White**	June 1
• **Rev. L. B. Collins**	June 4
• **Rev. John Parker**	June 5
• **Rev. John Slye**	June 9
• **Rev. Haywood Price**	June 11
• **Rev. Lester Jarrett**	June 18
• **Rev. Lalleon Narron**	June 29
• **Rev. Marvin Whitfield**	June 29

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Her children shall arise and call her blessed..."

–Proverbs 31:28

When we think about May, we can't help but think about mothers and Mother's Day. My curiosity got the best of me, so I decided to find out more about the origin of Mother's Day. I hope you enjoy this.

During the 1600s, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday." Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe, the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" – the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

In the United States, Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic") as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, Massachusetts, every year.

In 1907 Anna Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia, to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the second Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia. Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write ministers, businessmen and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was successful, as by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the second Sunday of May.

Have a Happy Mother's Day, hug someone, and be a blessing!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

District Director Highlight

Anne Willis is the NCWM district director for the New Bern District. She is a member of the Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church in Reelsboro, N.C., and she serves as the local Women's Ministries director. Anne is the daughter of Rev. Steve and Nancy Willis, who pastor the Reelsboro Church. Anne has a sweet, gentle spirit and is willing to help you in any way she can. Please contact her by calling 252-633-2128 or writing 1487 Race Track Road, New Bern, NC 28562. We are proud to have her on our team.

NCWM Past Presidents'/Directors' Club

The North Carolina Women's Ministries Past Presidents'/Directors' Club met at Wilbur's Barbecue in Goldsboro on Saturday, March 1, 2003.

For a devotional thought, Dollie Davenport shared a reading about TIME. Mary Belle Johnson gave a brief history of the term of each living past president and inducted Linda M. Thomas into the Past Presidents' Club.

Dollie Davenport welcomed our new NCWM Director, Patsy Deese, and asked for ways the past presidents/directors could help her. Patsy was also presented with a small gift to remind her of this year's theme, "Bloom Where You Are Planted" and a proclamation of support.

After a time of sharing, our meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Seated NCWM Past Presidents Coordinator, Dollie H. Davenport, Clara Williams, and Mary Belle Johnson. Standing, Patsy Deese, Jean Williams, Sue Parker, and Linda M. Thomas. (Faye Leggett was unable to be present.)

2003 Feast of Ingathering

Scholarship Applications Available (Scholarships are Awarded at Annual WM Convention)

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MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 31

Potpourri

- Crayon marks on walls? This worked wonderfully: a damp rag dipped in baking soda. Comes off with little effort (elbow grease, that is!).
- Opening brand new jars can be a feat in itself. Instead of banging a jar of jam, pickles, etc., with a knife until it loosens up, simply reach into a drawer and pull out the handy nutcracker. It adjusts to the size of the jar. Simply give it a good twist, and off pops the lid!
- Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring tomato-based sauces, and there won't be any stains.
- Candles will last longer if placed in the freezer for at least three hours prior to burning.
- Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting it in the refrigerator, and it will keep for weeks.

June is Sharing Sister Month

Meet to share and cover each other in prayer.
Meet to sing and let your praises ring.
Meet to eat; the joy just can't be beat.
Ideas can be exchanged with each other;
so much can be gained!

Please contact Janice Marshburn if you have any questions about your sharing sister.

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"This Do in Remembrance of Me"

Luke 22:19 - 1 Corinthians 11:24

Remember is the most basic command of Scripture. Almost every book of the Bible alludes to the importance and power of memory. The Hebrew word for memory is *zachor*. To be a real man, in God's eyes, is to remember well. Jesus' culminating moments with the disciples hinged on the memory command:

"This do in remembrance of me."

Exodus 13:3, 6 – "Moses said unto the people, *Remember* this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place."

Deuteronomy 4:9 – "*Do not forget* the thing your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart."

Deuteronomy 5:15 – "*Remember* that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm."

Deuteronomy 8:18 – "*Remember* the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth."

Psalm 77:11, 12 – "I will *remember* your miracles of long ago, I will meditate on all your works."

Psalm 103:2 – "*Forget not* all his benefits."

Nehemiah 4:14 – "Don't be afraid of them, *Remember* the Lord."

Matthew 16:9 – "Don't you *remember* the five loaves for the five thousand?"

2 Peter 1:12 – "I will always *remind* you of these things I think it is right to refresh your memory." (Italics added)

Do you *remember* some pivotal experience of God's Loving Activity in your life?

Do you *remember* a moment that transformed, or maybe changed your life? You have experienced *God moments*. You may not have recognized God in the moment, but He's been there. Think about it.

Have you ever had a narrow escape from a tough situation by some strange protection? It probably was God who rescued you.

Have you ever steered away from trouble and toward something more noble because something inside you quietly craved purity? Only God makes people want to be clean.

Have you ever received a blessing that you know you didn't earn? God is the giver of all good gifis.

Have you ever gone through a hard time only to discover later that it prepared you for something greater in your life? God is good at bringing value out of adversity.

Imagine the blessing, power, and faith that would be released in your life if you could see God in the important moments of your past.

God Moments Memo

Five kinds of God moments

1. **Amazing Rescue**, a moment when God guarded you, healed you, rescued you, or made a way out for you.
2. **Holy Attraction**, a moment when God led you toward a healthier path, enabled you to resist a temptation, or inspired you to take the high road.
3. **Unearned Blessing**, a moment when God gave you an unexpected blessing or an undeserved gift.
4. **Revealed Truth**, a moment when God spoke to you through the Bible, inner peace, wise counsel, or a God-inspired message.
5. **Valuable Adversity**, a moment in which God sustained you in a difficult time or made you stronger through the test of adversity.

I'm convinced that God has been and is involved in our lives just as powerfully as He has been for those who have gone before us. Our lives are full of God moments! What will make the difference is what we do with the moment. The question is not whether we have had God Moments; the question is, have we harnessed their life-changing power?

The modern evangelical church has been edified by excellent teaching about such principles as the power of praise, the gift of the blessing, and experiencing God. But we have neglected perhaps the greatest biblical principle for faith: remembering God moments. Remembering yesterday's God moments builds your faith for tomorrow's tests.

The way you remember yesterday determines how you will live tomorrow.

Faith Heroes of God's Word

Noah... who hauled cypress wood, hammered planks, and gathered animals when there wasn't a cloud in the sky just because he remembered the day God spoke to him; **Abraham...** who raised a knife above the taut neck of his son on the altar, knowing God would provide the sacrificial ram because he remembered the day his elderly wife gave birth to the boy God had promised; **Paul...** who never forgot the blinding light or striking voice that spoke to him outside Damascus but repeated it everywhere, even to King Agrippa, saying, "I was not disobedient to the vision" (Acts 26:19).

Jesus... who was tempted in the desert but remembered the Word of God... who bled in the garden, but remembered the reason for His coming... who hung on the cross, but remembered the glory of Paradise... who

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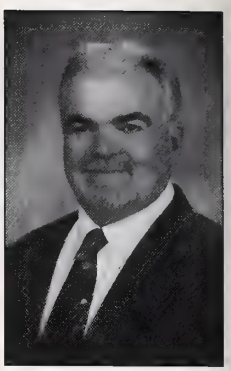

"Partners in Ministry"

The Room

Urban legends abound on the Internet, and the following could very well be one of them.

But the message is so profound, I wanted to share it with you. It was supposedly written by 17-year-old Brian Moore for a class only two months before his car struck a utility pole and he was electrocuted by a downed power line. The subject was "What Heaven Is Like."

Brian's Essay: "The Room"

In that place between wakefulness and dreams, I found myself in the room. There were no distinguishing features except for the one wall covered with small index card files. They were like the ones in libraries that list titles by author or subject in alphabetical order. But these files, which stretched from floor to ceiling and seemingly endless in either direction, had very different headings.

As I drew near the wall of files, the first to catch my attention was one that read "Girls I have Liked." I opened it and began flipping through the cards. I quickly shut it, shocked to realize that I recognized the names written on each one. And then without being told, I knew exactly where I was.

This lifeless room with its small files was a crude catalog system for my life. Here were written the actions of my every moment, big and small, in a detail my memory couldn't match. A sense of wonder and curiosity, coupled with horror, stirred within me as I began randomly opening files and exploring their content. Some brought joy and sweet memories; others a sense of shame and regret so intense that I would look over my shoulder to see if anyone was watching. A file named "Friends" was next to one marked "Friends I have Betrayed."

The titles ranged from the mundane to the outright weird. "Books I Have Read," "Lies I Have Told," "Comfort I Have Given," "Jokes I Have Laughed At." Some were almost hilarious in their exactness: "Things I've Yelled at My Brothers." Others I couldn't laugh at: "Things I Have Done in My Anger," "Things I Have Muttered Under My Breath at My Parents."

I never ceased to be surprised by the contents. Often there were many more cards than I expected. Sometimes fewer than I hoped. I was overwhelmed by the sheer volume of the life I had lived. Could it be possible that I had the time in my years to fill each of these thousands or even millions of cards?

But each card confirmed this truth. Each was written in my own handwriting. Each signed with my signature. When I pulled out the file marked "TV Shows I Have Watched," I realized the files grew to contain their contents. The cards were packed tightly, and yet after two or three yards, I hadn't found the end of the file. I shut it, shamed, not so much by the quality of shows but more by the vast time I knew that file represented.

When I came to a file marked "Lustful Thoughts," I felt a chill run through my body. I pulled the file out only an inch, not willing to test its size, and drew out a card. I shuddered at its detailed content. I felt sick to think that such a moment had been recorded. An almost animal rage broke on me. One thought dominated my mind: *No one must ever see these cards! No one must ever see this room! I have to destroy them!* In insane frenzy, I yanked the file out. Its size didn't matter now. I had to empty it and burn the cards. But as I took it at one end and began pounding it on the floor, I could not dislodge a single card.

I became desperate and pulled out a card, only to find it as strong as steel when I tried to tear it. Defeated and utterly helpless, I returned the file to its slot. Leaning my forehead against the wall, I let out a long, self-pitying sigh. And then I saw it... the title bore "People I Have Shared the Gospel With." The handle was brighter than those around it, newer, almost unused. I pulled on its handle, and a small box not more than three inches long fell into my hands.

I began to weep, sobs so deep that they hurt. They started in my stomach and shook through me. I fell on my knees and cried. I cried out of shame, from the overwhelming shame of it all. The rows of file shelves swirled in my tear-filled eyes. No one must ever, ever know of this room. I must lock it up and hide the key. But then as I pushed away the tears, I saw Him.

No, please not Him. Not here. Oh, anyone but Jesus. I watched helplessly as He began to open the files and read the cards. I couldn't bear to watch His response. And in the moments I could bring myself to look at His face, I saw a sorrow deeper than my own. He seemed to intuitively go to the worst boxes. Why did He have to read every one?

Finally He turned and looked at me from across the room. He looked at me with pity in His eyes. But this was

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Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

EVANGELISM

On Monday, April 14 a six-month journey began at Whitley Pentecostal Holiness Church. The journey is the "Model Church Strategy." Almost thirty churches will be taking part in this important and potentially direction changing journey. It is true that the IPHC must become a church planting movement, and the N.C. Conference is certainly involved in doing so.

Since January 1 God has blessed this conference with three new churches, and on April 13, the fourth had its first service in Saint Pauls. On Easter Sunday in Wilmington, Bro. Gabriel Tew and Grace Harbor had their grand opening service; this church has attendance of 50-plus and a core group of over 35 people. This year promises to be a banner year in church planting and expansion for this conference. We're believing God for at least 10 new churches/organizations in 2003 and to close the year, should our Lord tarry, with a net of 210 churches. We want to saturate Eastern North Carolina with the Pentecostal Holiness witness.

There are a number of new church possibilities within the bounds of this conference. At the beginning of the year I pinpointed almost 30 locations in which Pentecostal Holiness churches could be planted, and with the help of God and the support of the people of this conference, we will see this done in the next two to three years.

This conference is indeed involved in the mission of planting churches; however, we also have another great challenge and opportunity: a number of our established, existing churches need a spiritual boost and awakening, a transforming revitalization. Dr. Owen Weston of Evangelism USA of the IPHC will be the instructor/consultant as we enter a monthly night in the classroom and one or two days a month of on-site consultation with pastors, church leaders, and ministry directors. Whitley Church will be the host church for the duration of the class sessions, and so I say to Pastor Hardison and his people, thank you for opening your church. Whitley PHC will be the "Model Church" and will be the pattern to follow as we engage in the training and consultations.

There are 198 great churches in this conference, all of them blessed with potential and opportunity, and now is the time, because the harvest is white, to realize our potential in the harvest field of our Lord. This thing is not about you or me or anyone else; it's all about Him and His desires. God wants to prosper the churches of the North Carolina Conference, especially the churches participating in the Model Church Strategy. Sacrifice, commitment, and the reality of self-examination are important factors in this training/consultation, and I pray God's blessing and favor upon all our churches, especially on these 29 churches. Now is the time not only for these 29 churches to see and experience the reality of revitalization but also for a number of other churches to do so. My prayer is that God will renew the vision, mission, and call of each individual church.

Join me in prayer that a season of refreshing, a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and anointing will gush forth in the North Carolina Conference. The result will be a great harvest of souls; the ministries of our churches will be refreshed and revamped; and a mighty transformation will take place in our ranks. "God is moving by His Spirit, moving through all the earth; signs and wonders when God moveth; move, oh Lord in me." The cloud of the Holy Spirit is moving; let's move with Him, or else He will move on without us!

MISSIONS

As in Evangelism, God is providing for us and opening great doors of opportunity. The IPHC is being used mightily of God around the world, and yet, in spite of all He's accomplished and is accomplishing through us, we've still only scratched the surface. We're off to a great start in missionary support in 2003; however, I urge and challenge you, pastor and church, to continue to expand your involvement and support.

Everyone can participate in missions ministry, from the youngest to the oldest in our congregations. Don't wait until people are 18 or older to challenge them; get them while they're young, very young. Train them to tithe, and train them to be involved in praying for our missionaries and our missionary effort. Train them to give financially to missions. Train them, train them, train them.

The major ministries of World Missions Ministries are Faith Commitment, Global Outreach, People to People, Coffee House, Operation Timothy, MOMS projects. We are provided with an array of opportunities to give. At the head of the list is Faith Commitment, the backbone of W.M.M. Pastor, without *your* support and promotion of Faith Commitment, there would be no need for the rest of this list. I challenge every pastor and church to become actively involved in monthly (Faith Commitment) missionary support. Why not increase your monthly amounts to your missionaries, or add a new missionary to your list. There are several entities in your local congregation that could easily fund a child on a monthly

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broke bread and commanded, "This do in remembrance of me."

"It is delightful and profitable occupation to mark the hand of God in the lives of ancient saints, and to observe His goodness in delivering them, His mercy in pardoning them, and His faithfulness in keeping His covenant with them. But would it not be even more interesting and profitable for us to remark the hand of God in our own lives? Ought we not to look upon our own history as being at least as full of God, as full of His goodness and His truth, as much a proof of His faithfulness and veracity, as the lives of any of the saints who have gone before?... Let us review our own lives. Surely in these we may discover some happy incident refreshing to ourselves and glorifying to our God." – Charles H Spurgeon

The wonder of the "God Moment Principle" doesn't just tell us we ought to have more faith – it tells us how. It's heavenly. It's holy. But it also makes good, plain sense.

Let us celebrate our God moments as we continue to be built up in our faith, in order to be able to face our next challenge.

Let us also remember to continue in *prayer, praise,* and *the reading of God's Word.*

This message was taken from *The God Moment Principle* by Alan D. Wright.

WIN

The North Carolina Conference will celebrate the Festival of Praise in each local church in May and June. Also May 1, 2003, was the National Day of Prayer, and May 31, 2003, will be the Inspirational Conference in Falcon. ***Prayer makes the difference.***

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a pity that didn't anger me. I dropped my head, covered my face with my hands, and began to cry again. He walked over and put His arm around me. He could have said so many things. But He didn't say a word. He just cried with me.

Then He got up and walked back to the wall of files. Starting at one end of the room, He took out a file and, one by one, began to sign His name over mine on each card. "No!" I shouted, rushing to Him. All I could find to say was "No, no," as I pulled the card from Him. His name shouldn't be on these cards.

But there it was, written in red so rich, so dark, so alive. The name of Jesus covered mine. It was written with His blood. He gently took the card back. He smiled a sad smile and began to sign the cards. I don't think I'll ever understand how He did it so quickly, but the next instant it seemed I heard Him close the last file and walk back to my side. He placed His hand on my shoulder and said, "It is finished." I stood up, and He led me out of the room. There was no lock on its door. There were still cards to be written.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."– Phil. 4:13.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

May Brian's essay remind us that no part of our lives is secret from the One who died for our iniquities. May it inspire us daily to be the Men of God He wants us to be!

Submitted by Tommy Goff, N.C. Men's Ministries Secretary/Treasurer

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basis for $18 or $25. What an opportunity! Or perhaps you can support coffee house ministry for $5 a month ($60 yr) and receive a souvenir cup as a gift and reminder. Since W.M.M. is shifting its focus somewhat to training and sending national missionaries, the call is greater than ever for Operation Timothy, the ministry by which you can financially support a national Bible School student who is preparing himself to go back home and evangelize his people. There are always numerous opportunities to plant, build churches, schools, training centers, etc., on the field.

We have now kicked off our official drive to reap $275,000 for our conference Global Outreach Offering that will be received on Sunday, August 10. We've already begun our plans for that day, and we want every church to have a group at the celebration. What a great day that will be as we celebrate reaching our goal. It can be done and I'm depending on *you*! For more information, just make contact with our office. I believe and fully expect 2003 to be a banner year in every aspect of World Missions Ministry. Join me, pastor and church, and let's reap the harvest in Eastern North Carolina and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. And remember: *All that you do is an investment in eternity!*

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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While Under Construction

Nehemiah 2:9-20

A man who had finally survived the process of building a house said the following:

Expect it to cost more than you expected.
Expect it to take longer than you expected.
Expect it to be different from what you expected.
Expect to live with the results.

The process of building is never trouble-free. Just as people still build houses, Christians still build churches, both the physical structure and the spiritual body that meets in the building.

Nehemiah and the people of Jerusalem rebuilt the city's walls, and there are lessons we should learn from their experience. As church leaders, we are building a ministry, and the construction process did not end once the building program was completed. We are always in the process of erecting a spiritual temple. As we seek to construct (or "remodel") a spiritual ministry, what lessons do we need to learn?

Building takes preparation. Before one brick was laid, Nehemiah inspected the entire ruined wall so as to learn the situation firsthand (2:12-15). He wanted to form a workable strategy that would accomplish the task in the most efficient way.

Notice the steps Nehemiah took as he formulated the plan for rebuilding the walls. **First**, he sought God's guidance (v. 12). Just as God had brought him from Susa to Jerusalem with king's permission, to appropriate materials (vv. 7-9), so God would also provide wisdom for doing the work. **Next**, Nehemiah got all the facts. Certainly he listened to the local leaders, but he also saw the city for himself. His plan of action was based on facts, not speculation. Nehemiah also exercised patience, waiting three days before initiating activity (v. 11). Nothing is accomplished by running ahead of God. Finally, he developed an approach to the people that would win their support.

Building takes cooperation. Nehemiah, the leaders, and the people had to work in concert to rebuild the walls. Nehemiah was quick to identify himself with the people by using the terms "we" and "us." Their needs were also his, and that shared sense of need bound them together. Those who lead today need to communicate that same sense of identity with the people they serve. They shared together a common goal: rebuild the walls!

Building invites opposition. As the walls went up, the enemy showed up to mock and disrupt the work (v. 19). Although they accused Nehemiah of being a traitor to the king, Nehemiah affirmed his trust in God and kept laying bricks (v. 20). You can count on it – as soon as God's people begin to accomplish a good work, opposition always comes in one way or another.

When opposition comes, we must respond as Nehemiah did: reaffirm that God called us to the task and will give us success (v. 20). Nehemiah knew the people were weak and vulnerable, but he also knew God's strength would see them through. Despite the enemy's interference, the wall was completed!

We are building a ministry for God. He will guide us as we plan. If we work together toward our goal and do not run from opposition, we will keep building – by God's grace.

ATTENTION YOUTH!!!

Youth night of Camp Meeting will be Saturday, August 9, 2003.

The guest speaker will be Tony Miller. In 1991 he founded Destiny World Outreach, which emphasizes training and equipping frontline pastors, youth pastors, and leaders through conferences, crusades, and leadership development resources around the world.

Dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m. for youth leaders and workers with Pastor Tony. You must RSVP.

More information for the youth will be available next month.

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...and I will receive you,
And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my
ons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

– 2 Corinthians 6:18

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Archives Ministry Update

The Lord desires that His children remember His work in their midst. Throughout the Bible, the Lord calls upon His children to know the past and benefit from it. The book of Deuteronomy is a book of remembrance and summary of God's workings with Israel. Hear Him say, "And you shall remember all the way the Lord your God led you these forty years in the wilderness (Deut. 8:2). The book, however, is not a book that focuses on the past, but rather on the future. How could Israel be ready for the future without knowing the past? The same is true for us. It is especially true for today's generation. Things change and move so quickly. Moorings can be lost in a moment. Archives are important, not as a "god of the past," but rather as a road map into the future.

We are beginning to make some progress in the archives ministry of the conference. Recently Betty quit her part-time job to give more attention to the Ministers' Wives Fellowship and to archives. (She went part-time when I became superintendent so she could become a more vital part of the ministry.) She is averaging two days a week in working with the archives. Much progress has been realized.

Presently the former Evangelism office (upstairs) serves as the archives room. Several cabinets have been installed (filing and otherwise). One fireproof cabinet has been purchased, installed, and filled with the conference's most precious items. The conference has two complete sets of *Evangels* and *Minutes*. All these are vital to the preserving of conference history. Individuals may have permission to research in one set of the *Minutes* and *Evangels*.

Some items are on display in the archives room. Individuals may use the room but must follow a strict set of guidelines. Not all items are not available to the public. With special permission, some items may be photocopied. No items are allowed to leave the building. The present location is only temporary. A more secure and permanent location will be designated at a later date. The room may be visited during regular office hours. Be sure to call first!

The process of putting historical items in acid-free folders and boxes has begun. This is a time-consuming process. Photos are also being categorized and placed in acid-free folders. This is certainly an ongoing process. We are 105 years behind. Help us, Lord!

Several churches have written and are in the process of writing local church histories. These have been filed at the office. Some of these are exceptionally good work. They are available to the public. Most churches have not even begun the process. Hopefully, through the ministry of the archives they can be encouraged to do so. Any church that has a local history *should be sure* to send a copy to the conference office for preservation.

Several years ago the first historical plaque was placed on the Mollie Culbreth Evans Home. This began a project to install historical plaques on all the conference buildings and Falcon community historical buildings. Several have been completed. These are the Mollie Culbreth Evans Home, J. H. King - A. E. Robinson Home, Johnnie Brooks Home, G. F. Taylor Home, Falcon Post Office Building, Ray J. Ward School Building, J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, Octagon Tabernacle, Eddie and Daisy Morris Guest Home, Wellons Office Building, and the Seller-Rousseau-James House. Others will be installed. These are beautiful wood plaques with a miniature Octagon Tabernacle at the top. They include a short history of each building.

Much has been done and much will continue to be done to preserve the Octagon Tabernacle. It has a new roof (wood shingle), new heat and air conditioning system, and additional historical furniture. Much has been done to preserve the building. Recently the outside was scraped, treated with special preservatives, and repainted. The building was underpinned with a special brick design of the period. Some thought has been given to a driveway, mini-parking area, and restrooms (separate building). An artist (Betsy Cofer) is working on a painting of the Octagon. Prints will be made available.

Much must be done to preserve properly and make available the history of the conference and churches. The work has begun. The Lord has always had those who preserved items and who saw the importance of our history. There is nothing new here. The effort is to procure these items and bring them to one place, the conference office. Here they can be properly categorized, preserved, and made available for research, etc. Some discussion has occurred for a Falcon Camp Meeting history and history of the N.C. Conference. May the Lord make it so.

Anyone who has historical items of the conference, local churches, or the three camp meetings (Falcon, Piney Grove, Aulander) is encouraged to make these available to the conference office. Occasionally people will choose not to donate the items, but will allow a copy to be made. This is especially important for historical documents and old photos. Those interested should call the office and ask to speak to Betty Thompson.

Only by our knowing and understanding the past can the future be all that the Lord wants it to be.

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• **Rev. Ezra Fann**	July 21
• **Rev. Jesse Parson**	July 27

Pictured left to right, Rev. Paul Weaver, his lovely wife, Joy, and Rev. Jack Edmundson

Paul Weaver Sunday

On Sunday, February 9, 2003, the Sims Pentecostal Holiness Church celebrated "Paul Weaver Sunday." Approximately 90 members and friends gathered to pay tribute to Pastor Paul Weaver for 10 years of faithful service to the Sims church and the Sims community. Rev. Jack Edmundson of Elkin, N.C., delivered the morning message, "The fruit of forgiveness." Prior to the message Rev. Edmundson presented to Pastor Weaver a plaque for 10 years of faithful service, signed by N.C. Conference Superintendent D. Chris Thompson and Gen. Superintendent Bishop James D. Leggett, officially declaring the day "Paul Weaver Sunday." Also, both Superintendent Thompson and Bishop Leggett sent letters of appreciation to Bro. Weaver that were presented. After the morning service, a dinner honoring Brother Weaver was held in the fellowship hall, where he received gifts, cards, and good wishes from those in attendance. A wonderful time was had by all in honoring this good man of God. A harder working, more loving pastor simply does not exist.

In 10 years the Sims church has seen its attendance triple, and has undergone numerous renovations while seeing a reputation of being a loving and giving church established. I highly recommend the Sims Pentecostal Holiness Church and its fine pastor, Rev. Paul Weaver, to anyone in the Sims area needing a home church.

– Rev. Jack Edmundson

Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

The Next Generation Leader

by Andy Stanley. Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah Publishers, 2003. 139 pages.

Andy Stanley has become a leading voice for pastors and church leaders around the world. Following on the heels of an excellent book highly recommended to all pastors, *Visioneering: a Blueprint for Developing and Maintaining Personal Vision,* is *The Next Generation Leader*, which focuses on leadership development,

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encouraging young men and women to step up to the plate and become dynamic and powerful leaders responsible for shaping the future of the church.

The book consists of five sections with three chapters each explaining five fundamental and strategic concepts in becoming a next generation leader. The concepts include (1) Competence: Do Less, Accomplish More; (2) Courage: Courage Establishes Leadership; (3) Clarity: Uncertainty Demands Clarity; (4) Coaching: Coaching Enables a Leader to Go Farther, Faster; and (5) Character: Character Determines the Leader's Legacy. Drawing from his own experiences of failure and success, dropping in from time to time experiences of his famous father, Stanley presents valuable practical and pragmatic steps for young leaders to find their place in their organization or church and reach for the ideal of competent and confident leadership unafraid and unashamed to do what needs to be done.

For example, Stanley writes, "A leader is someone who has the courage to say publicly what everybody else is whispering privately. It is not his insight that sets the leader apart from the crowd. It is his courage to act on what he sees, to speak up when everyone else is silent. Next generation leaders are those who would rather challenge what needs to change and pay the price than remain silent and die on the inside." Indeed, transforming and revitalizing churches requires more than courage, but without courage revitalization may never take place.

Much to his credit, the author does not teach leadership without the Word of God. In my opinion, the greatest leadership book ever written is the Holy Bible. He presents numerous biblical examples illustrating, clarifying, and supporting the five key concepts of sound leadership.

The story of the baptistry at the North Point Church is worth the cost of the book. It is quite revealing and very instructive for all leaders young and old. I highly recommend this well-written and very practical book for all believers to read.

Running With the Giants: What Old Testament Heroes Want You to Know About Life and Leadership

by John Maxwell, Warner Books, 2002. 136 pages.

It is refreshing to see a Maxwell publication that devotes itself to biblical themes and persons in relation to leadership development that promises to give significant principles and wise counsel to learn and live by for the pastor and church leaders. In a simple format the author offers ten biographical examples of good leadership ranging from Noah to Jonathan, concluding each chapter with a pertinent prayer and discussion questions for reflection.

Running With the Giants would make an excellent devotional book for personal spiritual enrichment or a source for small group study or perhaps a textbook for a Sunday school class. For the pastor, it could serve as the basis of a series of messages on leadership for Wednesday evenings. Some young person may appreciate it as a gift as well. Happy Reading!

At Mother's Knee

The many things that shaped my life and caused me to be me...
A child of God on my way to Heaven, I learned at Mother's knee.
Her patience, her faith in a living God, were very plain to see..
And today, my actions, dreams and goals, I trace back to Mother's knee.
A life of service to community and home, a heart so happy and free...
I remember today and try to serve Him too, as I learned at Mother's knee.
Mother's life lives on – how can it otherwise be?
God used her devotion to Him as a witness for all to see...
But I learned mine at Mother's knee.

Dedicated to my godly mother, Dartha Little Williams (August 20, 1890 – 1972). Mother was a member of the Bizzell Grove Church and the Middlesex PH Church after it was established.

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

–Ephesians 6:4

When Sonora Louise Dodd of Spokane, Washington, heard a sermon on the merits of setting aside a day to honor one's mother, it gave her an idea to petition for a day to honor fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart, who had raised her and her five siblings by himself, after her mother died in childbirth.

It was her father who made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington, on the 19th of June 1910.

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Roses are the Father's Day flowers: red to be worn for a living father and white if the father has died.

Dad's Favorite Sayings!

- Go ask your mother!
- Just wait until I get you home!
- I love you, son!
- I love you, princess!
- When I was your age....
- That's not a tear; I have something in my eye.

Have a great Father's Day!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

District Director Highlight

Kathy W. Duszynski is our Fayetteville district director. Kathy and her husband, John, and son, Trevor, live in Pittsboro. She is also the daughter of one of our retired ministers, Rev. W. M. and Ella Watkins, who presently live in Micro, N. C.

She enjoys reading, running, and playing chess. She also loves things that challenge her mind. Kathy feels that God has placed her in a ministry of healing and restoration. We appreciate all her hard work and dedication to the North Carolina Women's Ministries. She is doing an outstanding job. If you would like for Kathy to visit your church or help you in any way, feel free to call her at (919) 968-8984.

Women's Ministries Gift Baskets

Under the previous leadership of Gail Davis, Frances Joyner, Ann Lemmons, and Lynn Baker, the Shiloh Women's Ministries in Wilson decided to make baskets with items that our Women's Ministries sell already. We used the knives, danny duzits, kitchen towels, cookbooks, choppers, flavoring, and any other item useful for a wedding or shower gift.

The arrangements are lovely and a welcome addition to our WM because they have helped raise funds for our new Family Life Center. We are truly blessed that these ladies had a vision for our church.

If you have any questions, please call Teresa Woodard (252-239-1105), and I will be glad to share any ideas with you.

Teresa W. Woodard, WM Director
Shiloh PH Church, Wilson District

Gift Baskets
Shiloh, PH Church, Wilson

NCWM Retreat From the Eyes of One District Director

Praise the Lord! Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Ladies, let me take just a moment of your time to tell you that the 2003 North Carolina Women's Ministries Retreat was such a blessing this year. God's presence was real and precious. I feel that this was a time anointed by God for the women of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The theme, "Arise, Ye Women of Zion," was for the church today; with the matters and situations of the world today, it is time the women arise and take back what the devil has stolen from the church. I believe with all my heart that many women who were at this retreat have done just that!

Many comments I've heard were about how the speaker was down to earth and spoke on a level everyone could relate to. How many times we take things for granted, and we try to take care of them ourselves and not let God. But God is there to do it for us. We just need to put our trust and faith in Him for Him to do what He sees fit to do.

I myself saw unity among the women who attended the retreat that I haven't seen in a long time. The body of Christ came together and worshiped and ministered together as the presence of the Lord was real. No one was in a hurry to leave as they truly felt the presence of the Lord in that place.

I truly believe that the 2003 retreat was anointed by God as well as the guest speaker. It was a divine appointment set in stone from God for the Pentecostal Holiness Church women who were at the retreat to see how God can take just an everyday person and use her for His glory and to bless many other women.

I encourage every member of the Women's Ministries of the Pentecostal Holiness Church to make plans now to attend the next retreat. You'll never know how God will bless you if you're not there.

Continuing in the Lord's service until He comes,
Gale Taylor
Morehead City District Director

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Take Time to Study God's Word

Why the Bible was written?

- To know God
- To know how to live
- To learn to please God
- To bring us to intimacy with God
- So God can be a Father to us
- To have a relationship with God and let Him speak to us through His word
- For us to understand the blessing of life by the obedience of His Word
- For us to understand the consequences of disobedience
- To know the truth about life
- To find out what the Bible says. You need to read it yourselves in away that will help you discover what it says, what it means, and how you apply it to your life.

This is called Inductive study.

Inductive Study:

1. Teaches you a method of studying God's word. It does not tell you what the Bible means or what you should believe.
2. You need to have the willingness to slow down and really look at what the scripture is saying.
3. It uses the Bible as the primary source of information about the Bible.
4. You begin with the Bible, observe it in its environment, and then take it apart so that you understand it firsthand.
5. Inductive Bible study draws you into personal interaction with the Scripture and thus with the God of the Scriptures so that your beliefs are based on a prayerful understanding and legitimate interpretation of Scripture – truth that transforms you when you live by it.

Beginning with the Basics

Inductive study consist of three components:

1. **Observation** answers the question: What does the passage say? It is the foundation which must be laid if you want to interpret accurately and properly apply God's Word. Observation is discovering what the passage is saying; it requires time and practice. You'll discover that the more you read and get to know a book of the Bible, the more its truths will become obvious to you.
2. **Interpretation** answers the question: What does the passage mean? And the basis for accurate interpretation is always careful observation. Interpretation is the process of discovering what the passage means. As you carefully observe Scripture, the meaning will become apparent. However, if you rush into interpretation without laying the vital foundation of accurate observation, your understanding will be colored by your presuppositions – what you think, what you feel, or what other people have said, rather than what God's Word says. Interpretation is not necessarily a separate step from observation, for often, as you carefully observe the text, at that very moment you begin to see what it means. Thus, interpretation flows out of observation.
3. **Application** answers the question: How does the meaning of this passage apply to me? Usually this is the first thing we want to know when we read the Bible, but proper application actually begins with belief, which then results in being and doing. Once you know what a passage means, you are not only responsible for putting it into practice in your own life, but accountable if you don't! Ultimately, then, the goal of personal Bible study is a transformed life and a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus Christ.

Application takes place as you are confronted with truth and decide to respond in obedience to that truth. The basis for application is 2 Timothy 3:16-17 –

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

When you know what God says, what He means, and how to put His truths into practice, you will be equipped for every circumstance of life.

What are the four Gospels?

1. Matthew, 2. Mark, 3. Luke, 4. John

The four Gospels record the eternal being, human ancestry, birth, life and ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God and Son of man. Taken together they set forth not a biography but a Person. Seeing Him whom they reveal.

What is the history of the church? Book of Acts

This Book of Acts is the only inspired account of the beginning and early work of the church. It clarifies some of the historical references in the Pauline Epistles.

While there are four accounts of the life of Jesus, this is the only book that carries on the story from His ascension to the period of the New Testament Epistles. Acts is the historical link between the Gospels and the Epistles.

What are the Letters/Epistles of Paul? The Epistles are from Romans to Philemon.

The Epistles of Paul are letters in which the apostle sends instructions, answers questions, and counters false teaching in the young local churches.

What are the General Letters? These are from Hebrews to Jude.

General letters were written to others of a Gentile readership.

What is the Historical/Prophetic book? Revelation

Also known as the Apocalypse, a book of prophecy. It was written in a time of great persecution. The Apocalypse bears distinctly upon its face that it is concerned with the history of the church until she enters upon her heavenly inheritance.

This information has been taken from the creator of Precept Bible studies, Kay Arthur

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"Partners in Ministry"

Where are the Joshuas and Abrahams of our Day?

This profound question comes in a day when males are being born in the earth, but no men are being raised. This question comes in a day when males have reached the age of 35, 40, 50, and older and are still not considered men. We have males standing in pulpits across the entire nation, and across the nation in pulpits, there are no men. Where are the Joshuas? Joshua declared in Joshua 24:15, "But as for men and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The time is at hand that we should act on Deuteronomy 30:19. It says, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessings and cursings: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." Our focus is on the life of the seed. The seed in this verse is talking about our family.

We want our families to have life and have it more abundantly, but we must bring our male seed in line. The male is the seed, and God said in the book of Genesis that everything made reproduces after his kind. Our males are not reproducing now according to God's purpose, and we must do something about it! Our male seeds need to be born of God's Spirit, filled with God's Spirit, and led of God's Spirit, fulfilling the plan of God for their lives. We ask the question, "What is wrong with our church?" but there are no men being raised in our homes. There is no perspective of what it means to be a family man, and therefore, there is nothing to build upon. The male is to be the leader of his home. Each home or family makes up the local church, and the local church makes up the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is our example in the earth realm that will show the world a state of righteousness.

Men, God has a plan for your life. God's plan is for every male to be a family man. God intends for the male, whether married or unmarried, to be a family man. Every male, when he becomes a man, can be a visible example for his family. This visible example lets the family know who God is. The family can enter into a relationship and trust the almighty God.

Men, we want God to be able to speak of us as He did of Abraham in Genesis 18:19. This passage reads, "For I know him (talking about Abraham), that he will command his children and his household after him and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." The relationship Abraham had with God put a protection around his family. We must do as Abraham did in Genesis 18:22-32. We must stay on our knees in prayer before the Lord. Men, we can protect our families from the wrath of God and from the wiles of the devil. God requires us to live upright before Him. God is willing to sanctify the unrighteous family members because of our righteousness. God did this for Abraham, and God is no respecter of persons.

Will we uphold the integrity of God and stand against the wiles of the devil? Make a conscious decision today. Call upon the Lord Jesus Christ and ask Him to forgive you for not being the man He wants you to be. God loves you, and He is ready to make you the man He has created you to be.

(This article was submitted by Gordon Knox, Men's Ministries board member. It was written by Andre Jones, the chaplain for Higher Ground's Men's Ministries in Ahoskie, N.C.)

MEN: Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Men's Advance on September 12 and 13. Our theme is "Maximizing Men." You don't want to miss this weekend of fun, fellowship, and inspiration from God.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

MISSIONS

April 13 was a day of great celebration and the fulfillment of a challenge issued to the people of Living Faith Fellowship in Rocky Mount by Pastor Marty Warren. Before this day Pastor Warren had challenged the people concerning Operation Teaching Tools, a missions outreach ministry founded and operated by missionary Rose Boyd. God birthed a vision in Rose's heart several years ago to see IPHC Christians in foreign countries receive discipline and training to better advance the work of the kingdom. The ministry has grown dramatically, and only eternity will reveal its effect and value. The ministry also collects and distributes training materials around the world. The ministry has enlarged to the point that more warehouse and office space is needed, so God further expanded the vision by giving direction for a much larger warehouse and office complex located in Falcon next to Falcon Children's Home. The cost for the building is approximately $100,000, with a substantial amount of labor and materials being donated or at cost. This warehouse and office space will allow O.T.T. to continue to grow. Rose Boyd's slogan for this undertaking is, "Provision for the Vision." God has given the vision, so HE will provide the need. The plan is for construction to begin in the summer or early fall of 2003. Part of the funds needed to begin construction have been raised, and Living Faith Fellowship has caught the vision, and under the leadership and promotion of Pastor Warren and Local Missions Director Ron Chilcoat the challenge was issued to the church. Five thousand dollars was set as the goal, and the church began to work. Sunday, April 13 was designated as the time to collect the monies. The whole church family, including every ministry arm, began to work to achieve this goal and make it a reality. On April 13, my wife and I were privileged to be at the service. Rose Boyd was the special guest. She ministered in song and also gave a challenging review of the purpose and achievement of O.T.T. Pastor Warren preached a great message on "The Compassionate Savior" and tied it in perfectly to the compassion and passion we should exhibit for this worthwhile ministry. Then the time came for the offerings/funds to be received. Ushers lined the front, and the procession began with the youth of children's church. Then everyone else was given the opportunity to participate. Those giving ranged in age from a couple of years to ninety years of age. This was a great time of rejoicing as people gave with a cheerful spirit. There was a spirit of anticipation as the offering was counted. At the conclusion of the sermon and prayer time, the offering total was displayed on the video screen, and what a shout went up as $5,204.54 was posted. This was clearly over the goal, yet Pastor Warren was confident that more would be received. Within the last few days Pastor Warren has contacted me with a revised total of $6,434.00. Congratulations to Pastor Warren and Living Faith Fellowship. Thank God for people who respond to and even go beyond the goal. To God be the glory! This is indeed, "An Investment in Eternity." If your church wants to be a part of this endeavor, contact missionary Rose Boyd or Evangelism/World Missions Ministries of the North Carolina Conference.

From the youngest

To the oldest

Praise God for acheiving the Goal

EVANGELISM

Grace Harbor Church Planted in Wilmington

We prepared for our grand opening service for almost six months. Our team of 24 began in October preparing for an April 20 launching of a Bible-driven, Spirit-filled, interracial, family-focused vision. By the beginning of April, we had 50 people on our team. We had just enough people to man all the posts in set-up (we meet in a school), greeting, ushering, visitor registration, sound, visuals, music, drama, nursery, kids' church, altar workers, breakdown and clean-up. Oh yeah, and we had a preacher too. I am so thankful for our team. They did such a great job!

What a great experience for a pastor and for a group of people – teaming up to plant a church. Here are some observations:

Things we did right:

Prayer – God told me early on that the success of the church plant would depend upon my prayer life. I've never in my life prayed about something so much. Our team responded to my call to fasting and prayer, as well.

Visitation – We spent a lot of time knocking on doors, finding out who did not actively attend church and getting their opinion about church.

Advertising – We did newspaper, radio, mail-outs and tele-promo. We had response from all of those.

Personnel – (Actually, God did this part.) We had capable people in key positions. It was encouraging, watching the Lord assemble the team.

I would change;

Preparation Time – Six months may seem like ample preparation time, but our goal was to have one hundred people on our team by grand opening day. And since three families moved to a town where we had very few connections, I think nine to twelve months would have made that goal more reachable.

When the big day came, 150 people showed up. About 60 of them were special guests who attended just for that day. Our goal for that day was 300. The good news is, however, that all the prospects came back the next Sunday. Having spoken with all of them, I feel there is an excellent chance of their plugging into the church.

I want to thank the N.C. Conference and Gospel Tabernacle (our mother church) for their generosity and support. Other churches and individuals have been a blessing to us as well. Thanks to the Holy Spirit for His miraculous guidance and provision. That He will continue it and we will position ourselves to receive it is our prayer for all the fellowships of the church.

Gabriel Tew
Pastor, Grace Harbor Church

It was a privilege for me to be with Gabriel, Sharlene, and their people in their grand opening service at Grace Harbor Church in Wilmington. From the time we entered the parking lot at the temporary meeting place (Annie Snipes School), we and all other people were made to feel welcome. There were both young and older greeters and attendants to direct us to parking and the worship facility. The service opened at 10:30 with great music. The first chorus, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and others set the stage. The drama team presented "Jesus Paid the Price," and then the invitation was given to kids to go to "Kids Cove." Then Pastor Tew preached on "Resurrection Power Makes the Difference." God's presence was truly manifested in the service, and the excitement of the people was contagious. I look forward to and expect to hear good news from one of our newer churches. To God be the glory for the great things He is doing.

The Praise Team and Pastor

Part of the Grand Opening congregation

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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God's Call for a People of Action

by Joyce Hodges
Local CEM Representative

Has God been calling you to service in one of the various ministries of CEM? Have you failed to answer that call? If so, I hope the following poem will encourage you to say yes to His call.

The Call to Action

Why is it so hard for us to say yes,
When there are so many souls out there to bless?
Why do we postpone, wait, and delay,
Refuse to be used, go our own way?
Is it fear that keeps us resisting His call,
That insists that we are so weak and small?
Do we really desire to be stewards today,
Or are we simply unwilling the price to pay?
Complacency and sloth demand nothing of us,
No time, no energy, no sacrifice, no fuss.

But won't it be sad when our Lord shall come,
And we look in His eyes, with that expression so dumb?
We'll see pass before us opportunities lost;
We'll see how it might have been, and we'll pay the cost.
We'll see talents and abilities we've just let atrophy;
We'll cry in despair, "Lord, could that have been me?
Why, so many lives could have been touched if I
Had only been willing my own self to die!
I'm sorry, so sorry, I let it all waste;
Please don't deny me of heaven to taste.
But what about now, Lord, may I work for you?
Why, I'll sing, or teach, or comfort the blue.
I'll do anything you ask to make it all right,
To get out of this darkness, to be surrounded by light."

And then so sternly will come His reply,
"I don't need you now, for the time is nigh.
Where were you when the harvest was ripe?
When I needed laborers, you were nowhere in sight.
I've come for My children who were obedient to Me;
I'm anxious to reward them, for they worked, you see.
I was preparing a place in heaven for you,
But day after day, you made me so blue.
You didn't think I cared whether you answered My call?
Do you know now you set yourself up for the fall?
You chose your own way with your inhibitions and fears;
You closed your eyes, you refused to hear.
So now it's too late, for your chance is gone;
The sun has set; don't expect the dawn."

What horrible words to us He could say!
What a terrible price we all could pay,
If we're not willing His voice to heed,
To take a backseat and follow His lead!
Let's use our potential to the fullest, for then,
Rewards will be ours; we're certain to win.
We can do all things through Christ, you know;
Remember these words; we can conquer the foe.
We can't let the enemy convince us to sit,
While he steals our talents bit by bit.
Let's make the decision to be used today,
To give of ourselves in every way.
For don't we want to hear Him say,
When He returns on that glorious day,
"Well done, My children, I'm pleased with you;
Enter My kingdom, and collect your due.
You have been good and faithful in the race you've run;
Now it's time to be rewarded for all you've done.
You refused to weary in sowing good,
And so now in due season, reap as you should!"

If you have already answered God's call to action, then it is important to "be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power," and to "put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes" (Ephesians 6:10, 11). May the following poem impress upon you the necessity of that armor.

Equipping Yourself for Action

Satan's devices are many; he seeks to devour;
He's strutting around for just the right hour,
To shred you to pieces, to gobble you up,
Like a fierce roaring lion would do to a pup.
Don't sleep; don't doze; beware of naps;
He's looking for slothfulness; he searches for gaps.
He's cunning and devious, seeking to deceive;
Using his resources so his lies you'll receive.
Don't be ignorant of the schemes he'll employ
To disrupt your life, to rob you of joy.
God's truth must be used, Satan's plans offset.
Your sword you must draw, your determination set,
To slash through his bag, trick after trick,
To give him continuous wounds to lick.
Stand up before him with your armor on,
For when he sees Jesus, he'll soon be gone.
Without that armor, you're naked and prey;
He'll pull back his bow and send arrows your way.
He'll tempt and try and whisper his lies
To his naked victim, for his soul he vies.
Pull out your sword, and put your shield in place;
Pull down your helmet around your face.
Adjust your breastplate, and shod your feet,
Belt up your loins and be determined to beat!
The enemy can't touch you clothed in this manner;
He reads your message, "Jehovah Nissi's my Banner!"

Joyce Hodges is the CEM Director of Stedman PH. She serves on the N.C. Conference CEM Board. Joyce is very talented and gifted in many areas. She would be an excellent speaker in any CEM area in your local church.

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Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever

104th Falcon Camp Meeting

August 3-10, 2003

J.A. Culbreth Memorial Auditorium
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From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

August Is Camp Meeting Month

Betty and I will be in camp meeting most of the month in August. The Falcon Camp Meeting runs from Sunday night, August 3 to Sunday night, August 10. The Piney Grove Camp Meeting, Chocowinity, runs from Thursday, August 14, to Sunday, August 24. We will be in attendance full time at these events. In addition, Betty and I are hoping to attend for a service or two the Piedmont Camp Meeting in Piedmont, Virginia, July 14-20, and the Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Camp Meeting in Dunn, July 27 through August 3.

Camp meetings are powerfully used by the Lord. They have been a source of much blessing and direction for many people in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Our senior saints know the value of such meetings. My desire and earnest prayer is that our young adults and youth will get more involved and come to learn the value of the meetings. The Lord *still* speaks and works through these services.

Brother Mick Snyder is the preacher this year at Piney Grove. He always is such a blessing and is used by the Lord.

The Falcon Camp Meeting will have Rev. John Hedgepeth and Rev. Roger Leggett. Both are superb communicators of the Word. In addition, Rev. Tony Miller will be the speaker on Saturday evening (youth service).

The 9:30 a.m. services at Falcon will again be in the "Little Tabernacle," Octagon Tabernacle. These have proven to be some of the most powerful services of the week. This year some of the "younger" preachers will be preaching. These men are powerful preachers and very different in styles. They are as follows:

Monday	Stephen Hicks	Pastor, Culbreth Memorial
Tuesday	Billy Rose	Associate Pastor, The First
Wednesday	Ryan Jackson	Associate Pastor, Northwood Temple
Thursday	Charles Boyd	Conference CEM Director
Friday	Luis Avila	Pastor, Greenville First Hispanic
Saturday	Brian Rogers	Evangelist
Sunday School	Joyce Godwin	National Teacher of the Year

Our own Rev. Wiley Hughes will be directing the music of the camp meeting. This year the special music each evening will be area choirs. The current list is as follows:

Sunday Night	Mount Carmel	Gary Strickland, Pastor
Monday Night	Peniel	Jeff Bartlett, Pastor
Tuesday Night	Baywood	Wiley Hughes, Pastor
Wednesday Night	Northwood Temple	John Hedgepeth, Pastor
Thursday Night	Falcon Children's Home	Superintendent Elwood Long
Friday Night	The First Church	Jim Whitfield, Pastor
Saturday Night	Chap Chapell	Virginia Beach
Sunday Night	Kin ston First	Bobby Williams, Pastor

The attendance for both the Falcon Camp Meeting and Piney Grove Camp meeting has greatly increased of late. Last year at Falcon some 7,205 were present. The number was 5,779 the year before. Praise the Lord. The Lord is at work!

At Falcon, video monitors have been installed for the choir and for the nursery. These will be of great benefit to the services.

At Piney Grove new windows and frames are being installed. Sufficient funds have been raised to cover the cost. The next step will be air conditioning. Lord, please provide!

Every effort is being made to continue the atmosphere of Family Camp Meeting at Falcon. Dwayne and Connie will be leading a children's camp meeting during the evening adult service. These services will be for ages 3 to 9. The services will run Sunday night through Friday night. These services have been well received by the children and parents.

Prayer is still fundamental. WIN Director Lydia Figueroa will be leading prayer services at 8:30 a.m. in the "Little Tabernacle" (Octagon Tabernacle) and during the evening services. A new prayer room will be set up in the Cafeteria Training Center for the evening service.

May each of us pray much for these camp meeting services. We need a mighty revival and mighty move of God.

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Congratulations to these who were licensed this year at Conference:

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Rev. Ashley Neil Smith
Rev. Nathan Andrew Thompson
Rev. Donald Earl Zimmerman

Tolers Renew Wedding Vows

Rev. Lee and Betty Toler celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows on April 13 at the Alliance Pentecostal Holiness Church. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Rev. Wiley D. Vick, former pastor and very dear friend.

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Available for Service

Rev. John M. Yates is available for fill-ins, weekend services, seminars and revivals. Please contact Brother Yates at:

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Available for Service

Rev. Ralph L. Downing is a long-standing member of the conference. He has pastored over 25 years. He has also evangelized throughout the surrounding conferences. He has preached at youth camps, various Royal Ranger meetings, and Men's Ministries gatherings. In addition to his biblical original sermons, he has a Christian comic routine aimed at making laughter a "good medicine." He has been featured in banquets at Christmas and Valentine's Day. He has done youth meetings and dinner theaters through the years. He is currently working on his master's degree, but would be glad to come to your church with any of his talents you may need.

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Pastor Randall Strickland

William Roy Norris

February 11, 1931 - May 14, 2003

Brother Roy Norris was born again in 1951 at the Saint Delight Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church in Angier, N.C. The same year he married the love of his life, Christine. She would remain faithfully by his side until his promotion. In the last few years, she would face many hardships as she sacrificed to make him more comfortable in his battle with Parkinson's disease and diabetes.

Rev. Norris was a simple but powerful man who loved the Lord and accepted the call to preach. He received the mission worker's license to preach in 1963 and joined the N.C. Conference in 1964.

After receiving license, he immediately was assigned a church. He would pastor the following churches:

Vick's Chapel	1964 - 1966
Carson Memorial	1966 - 1968
Sims	1970 - 1971
Sims	1985 - 1992

For a period of time, Brother Norris transferred to the Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church. During that time he evangelized and pastored the Bible Fellowship Church in Reidsville (1971 - 1973).

William Roy Norris loved the Lord and the church. He was faithful. He served the church as Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, deacon, preacher, and pastor. In all the opportunities of ministry, he did his best and obeyed the Lord. In the latter years he was unable to serve the Lord publicly, but his love for the Lord never diminished. During those years he faithfully supported his pastor and attended church when possible. He has always been faithful in his reporting to the N.C. Conference.

Pastor Norris is survived by his wife Christine and four children – Douglas, Dexter, Durwood, and Darlene. There were nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Bryon-Lee Funeral Home on Saturday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. Interment was in the Red Hill Church Cemetery, Coats. Thank the Lord for men like William Roy Norris.

Shelley Katri McDonald

July 6, 1980 - May 15, 2003

In August 2002, Shelley McDonald met with the N.C. Conference Board. It was a delightful interview. Shelley was a rising senior at Emmanuel College. She was approved for license and became the youngest member of the N.C. Conference. On May 15, 2003, Ms. McDonald was killed in a tragic car wreck.

Here was a lady who loved the Lord. She was a leader in worshiping and winning souls to the Master. She was constantly seeking new avenues of worship and ways that she could win others to the Lord.

Shelley was a member of the 2003 graduating class of Emmanuel College. She had begun work at her local church for the summer – the Whiteville Pentecostal Holiness Church. It was not to be. The Lord desired her in heaven.

While at Emmanuel, Shelley won the Distinguished Preacher Award for 2002. She also was very active in the S.O.S. Soul-Winning Society. Those who knew her speak of her creative ways to serve the Lord and her ever-increasing zeal for Him!

The celebration service for Shelley's promotion was held at the Whiteville Church on Monday, May 19. What a celebration it was! The church was filled to capacity. Her pastor, Dr. Lyndon D. Purifoy, led in the service. Representatives were present from Emmanuel College and the N.C. Conference. All who were present were drawn into the presence of the Lord.

Shelley will be missed, but she is not lost. We know where she is – wherever He is. May the Lord bless her memory to our lives. May the model of her life be to all an example of His goodness and blessings.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Spiritual Disciples for the Christian Life

by Donald S. Whitney. Colorado Springs, Colorado: NavPress Publishing Group, 1991. 266 pages.

While the purpose of the book reviews in the *Evangel* is for familiarizing our people with the most recent offerings of books and various publications, there is something to be said for making ourselves aware of what is available in print on certain subjects about which we are concerned. This publication serves as one good example.

Comprehending biblical and practical approaches to spiritual formation and maintaining spiritual disciplines has become a real concern of mine in the past few years. The spiritual life is a journey acquiring greater understanding of ourselves, the Lord and the world around us. The problems encountered in this journey multiply when we are not as committed to the basic life orientation of spiritual discipline as we should be. Ours is indeed an undisciplined age. The only thing that maintains the spiritual life is the quiet, day-by-day, moment-by-moment walk in faith. Failures follow the life that fails to keep an up-to-the-minute intimate devotion to Jesus Christ. It was Spurgeon who wrote, "I must take care above all that I cultivate communion with Christ, for though that can never be the basis of my peace, mark that, yet it will be the channel of it."

From a biblical perspective, our fundamental choice should be to know and become like the Lord Jesus. That results in satisfying our deepest needs and keeping us in the beaten path of sacrifice, obedience, and trust in Him. Do we really believe that life's greatest pursuit is the pursuit of holiness? If we do, then it is imperative and essential that we take a delight in the disciplines required to puruse that most wonderful and fascinating goal of life. 1 Timothy 4:7 tells us to discipline ourselves for the puprose of godliness. How much clearer can the message be? Spirituality is not instantaneous or haphazard; it is developed and refined.

Whitney addresses ten major spiritual disciplines that include Bible intake, prayer, worship, evangelism, stewardship, and journaling. Helpful information and guidance provide for a good understanding of each discipline and how to nurture and support the discipline in one's life. The author contends that some view the spiritual disciplines as restrictive, binding, and slavishly legalistic. The truth is that spiritual disciplines are the means to unparalleled spiritual liberty. The reward of discipline and regimen is freedom. The more discipline in one's life, the greater the release to be one's true self. Living under the Lord's dominion frees us to become the people God intended us to be.

I recommend this publication without apology to any and all fellow believers in Jesus Christ. Happy Reading!

First and Second Samuel

by Eugene H. Peterson, Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 1999. 270 pages.

Most Old Testament commentaries tend to give sense of the ancient text and offer little in terms of contemporary relevance in the postmodern era of real-life Christianity. This commentary by Peterson is the exception to the norm, offering great insight and challenging points that will serve any student of the Word in terms of communicating God's Word powerfully and persuasively to a congregation or group of people. Having recently completed a ten-week course on the life of David, I found this work very authoritative, clear, true, and succinct spiritual principles for the students.

Instead of presenting a moral code and telling us to "live up to this," Peterson takes the approach of "live into this," revealing what it looks like when a person lives in a God-made and God-ruled world. The Samuel narrative gives story after story of real-life characters who present valuable instruction as to how to live victoriously for God and also how to avoid the mistakes and sins that resulted in such heartache and pain for so many. The life of David, case in point, makes up most of the historical narrative in I and II Samuel. Whether as a young Israelite shepherd revealing that character is more important than outward appearance, who stood up to the colossal figure of the Philistine warrior who defied the God of Israel, as a fugitive running from the jealous wrath of King Saul, or as the king of the united kingdom, there is much to learn from the inspired history of the life of this remarkable man named David. His life spent in many positions and conditions was not faultless. He was a man after God's own heart, but he also went astray like a lost sheep and was recoverd by the great Shepherd's grace.

The publication would make a wonderful addition to any collection of books on the Old Testament. Use it as a beneficial companion in your study of God's Holy Word.

2000 District Churches of the Year

Fayetteville	Baywood	Pastor Wiley Hughes
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Wilmington	Jacksonville	Pastor Phillip Bland
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	Maranatha	Pastor Richard Robinson
Lumberton	Calvary	Pastor Elbert Watson
Rocky Mount	New Covenant	Pastor Marc Swanner
New Bern	Goose Creek	Pastor Cindy Midyette
Goldsboro	Niagra	Pastor Lotis Joyner

2002 N.C. Conference Church of the Year

Goose Creek - Pastor Cindy Midyette

Tolers Renew Wedding Vows, continued from page 3

Wedding music was presented by Jake Ferrell, Reggie and Glenda Paul, and Judy Stephenson, daughter of the couple.

Escorted by their son, Charles, the bride wore an ivory silk two-piece ensemble and a comb with baby's breath in her hair. The bridal bouquet consisted of a dozen yellow silk roses accented with ivory streamers and baby's breath.

After the ceremony, the couple was honored and entertained by friends and family who regaled everyone with stories of how their lives have been touched and inspired by this special couple. The mistress of ceremonies presented a short history of how they met and have spent the last 60 years together. Rev. Pascal Woodard, another dear friend, offered the prayer of benediction. A covered dish lunch was hosted by their daughters, Brenda and Judy, and son Charles. The wedding cake, topped by a miniature bride and groom, was centered on a lace covered table that featured pictures of the couple shortly after they met and a copy of their original marriage license.

After good wishes by the many friends and family present, the couple enjoyed an afternoon of gospel music.

Brother Toler ended the celebration by declaring to Mrs. Betty, whom he has always called "my young bride," that "If I could relive the last 60 years, I'd do it all over again."

The couple have always lived in Alliance and are the proud parents of 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Needed for Archives of N.C. Conference:

- *Little Pentecostal People* by Rev. G. F. Taylor
- *The Altamont Witness*
- *The Apostolic Evangel*
- *The Minutes of the North Carolina Holiness Convention*
- Pre-1921 Minutes of North Carolina Conference of PH Church
- Early *Disciplines* or *Manuals*
- Pictures of early church officials, camp meetings, ministers and wives of North Carolina Conference, and buildings in Falcon and Goldsboro in the beginning.

We also need these copies of the *Evangel*

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North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

Is "Old Glory" Dying?

In 1776, our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence, proclaiming the colonies' freedom from the British: freedom to build a new nation with new rules, new ideas, new opportunities. There was also an opportunity for religious freedom.

The founding fathers believed in a supreme being. They were God-fearing men, and the new nation's foundation was based on that belief. This was the beginning of what would become the most powerful, most blessed nation on earth, the United States of America. The flag with its stars and stripes, which represents this great nation, its freedom, and its belief in God, was designed by Congress in June 1777. Though born "in infancy," "Old Glory" would become the most respected and feared symbol of all nations. The transition was not an easy one, nor did it happen overnight. There were many battles to be won. There were wars in 1812, 1846, 1861, 1898, 1914, 1939, and 1950.

Through each of these wars, the nation grew stronger. There was still fear and reverence for almighty God in the hearts of men and women across the land. Old Glory flew high and proud on battlegrounds around the world, but was most highly respected here in America.

Then after Vietnam, it seemed as if the country was more divided than ever before. We were no longer "one nation under God," but a nation that looked everywhere except God for strength and guidance. Many people burned "Old Glory" in ignorance of what freedom really means and costs. Her popularity here and abroad began to decline.

Today, some thirty years later, there has been 9/11, Desert Storm Operation, and Iraqi Freedom. As we face war with terrorists, and possible war with North Korea, we find "Old Glory" less popular still at home and abroad. Unless this nation repents, "Old Glory" will fade into the annals of time and never fly again.

Two thousand years ago, God's only Son came into this world as an infant child. Through His ministry, death on the Cross, and resurrection, He offered men freedom to become sons of God, to live eternally in heaven with a glorified body. Jesus came to be a source of power and strength to millions around the world.

Today, His popularity seems to be shrinking at an alarming rate. Here in America, on a day-to-day basis, we hear of some individual or group of individuals who demand that God's name taken off or out of something. The highest courts are granting these demands while the church stands silent.

At first, there may seem to be a striking parallel between the story of "Old Glory" and Jesus Christ the Son of God since both were born in infancy, grew to great power, and now seem destined to fade away. But friends, there is a very distinct contrast! Unless our nation repents, "Old Glory" will surely die. On the other hand, whether or not we repent, our Lord and Savior will not die out. He will come again in clouds of glory, set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, and reign forever as King of kings and Lord of lords! Hallelujah!

Men, He whom the Son has set free is free indeed! To have this freedom, we must pray and read the Word of God daily. We must consecrate ourselves in service to our Lord. Now, until He comes or calls, we must be the spiritual leaders of our churches and our households. Let freedom ring!

(Submitted by Jack Nicholson, board memeber of the N.C. Men's Ministries).

... inherit the Earth"

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RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Praise ye the Lord, I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation." *–Psalm 111:1*

Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy and for this time in our journey together. It's hard to believe that a year has passed since Janice, Marjorie, Lois, Terry, and I were elected to serve on the NCWM Board. We have had a whirlwind year. There have been moments when I wondered how we would get it all done, but I praise God that He is in control and has multiplied our time and energy.

I praise the Lord for women who are willing to "stand in the gap" and pray for us. Your prayers have been felt. I praise the Lord for your willingness to help when we call on you. Without your assistance we couldn't do all that we are doing in Women's Ministries.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of visiting in your local churches. It has been a joy to worship with you. By now you know I love to worship the Lord. We are serving an awesome God, and I'm not ashamed to praise Him! Luke 19:40 – "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." God's purpose is to bring the world to Jesus' feet in praise. Take a moment and praise God for what He is doing in your life and your family.

I praise God for the opportunity to serve our Lord together.

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- When you're choosing plants for the house, consider a spider plant. According to NASA, the plant removes 96 percent of the carbon monoxide and 86 percent of the formaldehyde from the air in an average room.

- Bug-Free Picnic – Don't let flies ruin your picnic. Keep them away by placing a bowl of citrus peels on the table. Flies don't like the smell.
- Keep your Salad Crisp – Leftover salad can get limp from the moisture that accumulates in the lid of the container in which it is stored. To keep it crisp, put a paper towel in the container before sealing it. The paper towel absorbs the moisture.
- Soothe a Sunburn – Sprinkle baking soda into tepid bath water and soak for 15 minutes to soothe a sunburn.

Couples Retreat ...Is for Everyone

On Friday, November 15, 2002, thirty-five couples met in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and godly instruction.

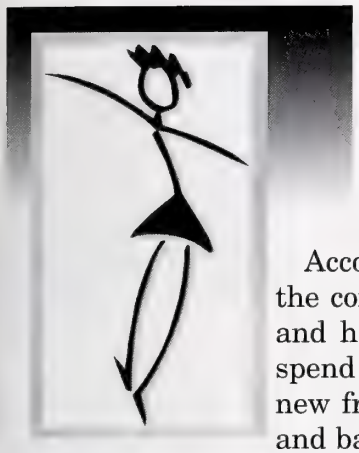
Activities began at The Carolina Opry with beautiful music for the upcoming Christmas season. Saturday morning, Rev. Stan Kennedy from the South Carolina Conference helped us to understand what the Bible says God wants for our marriages. Saturday afternoon a few of our couples toured the many unique shops while others relaxed or walked on the beach. Most of us finished up the day with a delicious seafood meal. After breakfast Sunday morning, Rev. Kennedy, an accomplished guitarist, led us in worship and spoke about your spouse being your "Promise Land." We ended the retreat with a fresh understanding of God's love for us.

The 2003 Couples Retreat is scheduled for September 26-28 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Rev. Garry Yeatts from the Cornerstone Conference will be the retreat speaker. Start planning now to spend a wonderful weekend with other Christian couples and learn more about what God wants for us. The cost is $250 per couple, and space is limited. If you would like to attend or need additional information, please contact either Cathy Arthur (919) 832-8170 or Cathy Ward (919) 772-7315. Please keep this retreat in your prayers.

Hispanic Women's Retreat

Approximately fifty of our Hispanic women gathered in Falcon the weekend of April 25-26 for an overnight retreat. Mrs. Liliana Anila of the Greenville First Church coordinated this meeting

On Friday evening the women were served a wonderful dinner prepared by Bro. Avia and a few of the young men from our Hispanic work at Greenville First. After the meal, we gathered together for praise and worship. Mrs. Lydia Figueroa brought us a great message on the theme, "We Have Been Made Free in His Presence." We are excited about how God is blessing this ministry.



MISSIONETTES RETREAT 2003

The North Carolina Girls' Ministries held its annual Missionettes Retreat in Falcon on May 17. Eighteen churches were represented, with approximately 300 Missionettes and sponsors/parents attending.

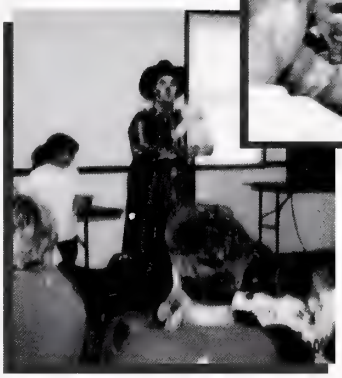
Accommodations were offered for Friday night at the conference dorm to those who wanted to come and have a "sleepover." Many girls showed up to spend the night and had a wonderful time meeting new friends, playing a friendly game of volleyball, and basically having a good ol' "pajama party."

Saturday morning began with a welcome from N.C. Girls' Ministries coordinator, Bobbi McNeese, followed by praise and worship, which was led by Stephanie Hall of the Clinton P.H. Church. The girls then broke up into groups according to their club.

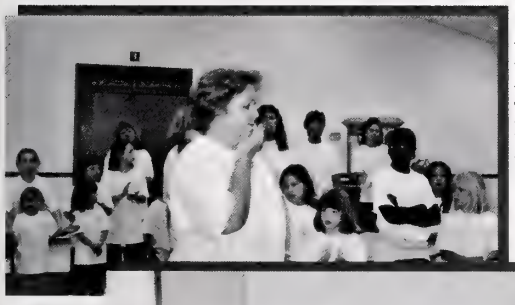
On a rotation basis, the girls were always busy doing one of the following:

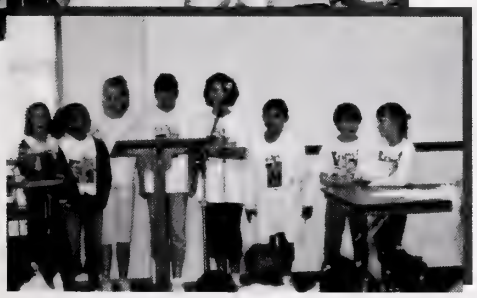
- Group One offered outdoor activities such as the "Moon Bounce," blowing bubbles, sidewalk chalk drawing, sack races, etc.

- Group Two were busy painting and stamping canvas backpack bags, which they took home with them.



- Group Three were treated to a devotion led by local clown, John Lough of the Clinton P.H. Church.
- The Friends and Girls Only Clubs heard a strong testimony by Ms. Sheila Harriman of Wade, N.C., whose husband (Lt. Stan Harriman) was killed in Afghanistan last year while leading his men in the fight against terrorism.





Everyone was treated to lunch of pizza, pizza and more pizza. Each church was asked to bring a dessert, so a large variety of cakes, brownies, etc., was offered. The Culbreth Memorial drama team wrapped up the activities with a short drama entitled, "The Value of a Girl," followed by an altar call led by NCWM Conference Director Mrs. Patsy Deese. We thank the Lord for the girls who gave their lives to Him.

A special thanks to all who helped make this retreat a true success. The N.C. Girl's Ministries Team are already looking forward to next year when we have 600 attend the NCGM Retreat! Right?

Mary Clark,
NCGM Secretary / Treasurer

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"IN GOD WE TRUST"

Let freedom ring out as we pray and trust God for our continual freedom.
Let's look at some of the godly stands our nation has taken, even in the folding of our flag.

FOLDING THE FLAG HAS MEANING FOR ALL.

You may learn something new when you learn what the folds in the American flag mean. Each of the 13 folds stands for something. The **first fold** of our flag symbolizes life. The **second fold** symbolizes the Christian belief in eternal life. The **third fold** is made in honor and remembrance of veterans who have departed our ranks, for they gave their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world. The **fourth fold** represents our weaker nature as Americans who trust in God, for it is to Him we turn in times of peace and in times of war for divine guidance. The **fifth fold** pays tribute to our country.

Our hearts lie with the **sixth fold,** for it is with our hearts that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The **seventh fold** pays tribute to our armed forces, who protect out country and our flag against all enemies inside and out. The **eighth fold** pays tribute to the one who enters the valley of the shadow of death, that he might see the light of day. The **ninth fold** pays tribute to womanhood and mothers. Through their faith and love, loyalty and devotion, the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded. The **tenth fold** pays tribute to fathers, for they, too, have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country.

The **eleventh fold** represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in Hebrew eyes the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The **twelfth fold** symbolizes eternity, and glorifies in Christian eyes God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The **thirteenth fold**, or the final fold, holds the stars uppermost to remind us of our nation's motto, "In God we trust'.

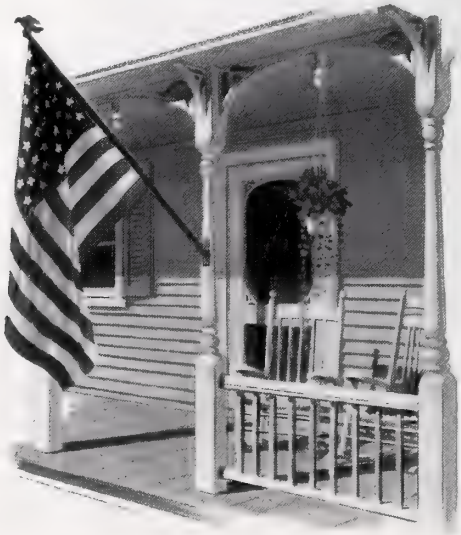
After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served with General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones.

They were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the armed forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we all enjoy. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning.

In the future, when you see a flag folded, you will know the reason why. To me, the flag folding ceremony is a revelation.

My hope is that as you read and enjoy learning the story behind the symbol of our freedom, you will pray for this nation every day and share it with others.

Source of this article is the Fayetteville Observer, written by Verna Owen.



Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Miracles in Havelock

Jack and Myrtle Jayroe

Because of a famine in the land, Naomi had left Bethlehem and gone into the land of Moab. Then she heard that there was bread in Bethlehem, and knew that it was time to return home. The word is out, and people are coming to Havelock.

For over two years, we have been having services in the downtown area of Morehead as an outreach ministry. We had several families with no place for them to go to church on Sunday. Thank God, we now have a place. One of our members calls it a "miracle of love," love flowing from the pastors to the congregation, and the congregation taking it out to the community.

We are so blessed to have our two daughters working with us. Sherry, who is a highly gifted and anointed musician, is our praise and worship leader. Dr. Kay Suggs, our other daughter, who is an anointed minister, is also on our staff. We are truly blessed.

There has been a mighty presence of the Holy Spirit from the very first service. A man who had not been in church for 30 years was saved, sanctified, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. A family who had left the church came back and were restored to the Lord. Many are being refilled with the Holy Spirit.

We have had several miracles of healing. One man who was unable to swallow food was healed. A woman who had pain in her arm and side was healed. A pastor who was going through a hard time was set free from depression and also healed of an ulcer.

Lives are being changed in every service as the Word is preached. People are coming from New Bern, Newport, Morehead City, and from 20 to 30 miles around. There is a rumor out! There is bread in Bethlehem (Havelock).

We have our midweek service on Thursday night. Pray for us; we are believing God for great things.

Jack and Myrtle Jayroe are such an inspiration and blessing to this conference and to the New Creation Church in Havelock. It just goes to show us that even though you may fall into the category of retired or superannuated, God will still use you mightily. I've had the privilege of preaching for them at Havelock, and the presence of God was special and powerful.

The church is averaging 40-plus in their meetings and even more on Thursday evening. Praise God for what He is doing in Havelock.

Announcing

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"CELEBRATION"

Sunday August 10, 2003
5:30 P.M.

J. A. Culbreth Auditorium
Our Goal

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RECONCILIATION MINISTRY

Jail, Prison, Inmate Family, Aftercare

"Our vision is people enjoying restored relationships with God and others through Jesus Christ."

Saturday, May 24, 2003, was a great day in Falcon, N.C. Reconciliation Ministry coworkers from across the conference gathered for a day of training, encouragement, and fellowship. Mr. Don Grier, who serves as a church volunteer recruitment coordinator for Prison Fellowship Ministries, presented the training. He shared with us many ministry opportunities available through Prison Fellowship. Prison Fellowship was founded by Mr. Charles Colson, who was a special counsel to President Nixon and did prison time for a Watergate-related crime. After being born again and released from prison, he founded Prison Fellowship.

In addition, Rev. Theodous Johnson blessed us with a devotion. Ms. Fay Page and Ms. Betty Pope told us about their ministry at Sampson Correctional Institution and shared stories about several inmates whom God has blessed. Mr. Tommy Hendrix and Ms. Donna Hendrix ministered to us and led in intercessory prayer.

Reconciliation Ministry is the ministry of local Pentecostal Holiness Churches to inmates, former offenders, and their families. Our goals are to recognize people who are involved in these ministries, and provide a program that will benefit them through fellowship, support, and training. We want to encourage others to participate and serve as an effective evangelistic ministry under the direction of local pastors. Are you involved, or is someone in your church involved, in this type of ministry? If so, please write to me at the address listed here. We would like to include an article about your ministry in our newsletter.

Rev. Steve Enloe
3124 Phillies Circle
Fayetteville, NC 18306

We are indeed privileged to have Rev. Steve Enloe as coordinator of Reconciliation Ministry in the North Carolina Conference. He (as a prison chaplain) has a heartfelt burden for those who are incarcerated. There is indeed a rich harvest field in the prison population of Eastern North Carolina. Pastors, I urge you to tap into this opportunity.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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Royal Rangers UPDATE

Royal Rangers is changing! The format for the weekly meeting is changing. The names of the different age groups are changing. The training requirements for leaders are changing. That's all right; I heard that change is good!

The Rangers format is being updated. The same basic principles are still there; however, the method of presentation is revised for the boys of today, and the training method for leaders has been modified. The training for leaders is now presented in a module format to meet the specific role you have in Rangers. If you have not had your training updated as a leader who has had LTC, the last opportunity to receive this transition training is September 26-28, 2003, in Falcon, North Carolina. Friday will consist of the Ranger Basic Module, and the Transition module will be offered Saturday. The Ranger Basics, along with other modules, is also available for new leaders. For an application contact the CEM office or check the Ranger page of the CEM Web site www.nccem.net.

This year the conference conducted the first "Ranger Kids" field day with the theme of "Circus Parade." It was a day full of fun and excitement for our boys in kindergarten through the second grade. The clowns and games were a big hit. Approximately thirty boys came forward to pray and ask Jesus into their hearts after "Whittle-do" told them the difference that Jesus can bring to their lives.

The National Camporama July 15 – 19 in Greensboro, North Carolina, will be the largest event to date for our boys.

One of the first quotes that I can remember hearing in Royal Rangers as a leader is, "A man never stands so tall as when he stoops to help a boy." Make no mistake about it; there are boys who need you. They need your time, love, example, prayer, friendship, encouragement, discipline... in short, they need you to stoop. They need you to lower yourself for their sake. They need you to put yourself on their level. They need you to put their needs above your own. Will you be that example of a godly man?

ATTENTION YOUTH!

Youth night of Camp Meeting will be Saturday, August 9, 2003.

The guest speaker will be Tony Miller. In 1991 he founded Destiny World Outreach, which emphasizes training and equipping frontline pastors, youth pastors, and leaders through conferences, crusades, and leadership development resources around the world.

Dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m. for youth leaders and workers with Pastor Tony. You must RSVP.

Camp Meeting Schedule of Services

Sunday, August 3rd

6:30 P.M.	-	Rev. Roger Leggett

Monday, August 4th

7:45 A.M.	-	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	-	Prayer Meeting - Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	-	Rev. Stephen Hicks
11:00 A.M.	-	Rev. Roger Leggett
12:30 P.M.	-	Lunch
5:30 P.M	-	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	-	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	-	Dr. John Hedgepeth

Tuesday, August 5th

7:45 A.M.	-	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	-	Prayer Meeting - Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	-	Rev. Billy Rose
11:00 A.M.	-	Dr. John Hedgepeth
12:30 P.M.	-	Lunch
5:30 P.M.	-	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	-	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	-	Rev. Roger Leggett

Wednesday, August 16th

7:45 A.M.	-	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	-	Prayer Meeting - Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	-	Rev. Ryan Jackson
11:00 A.M.	-	Rev. Roger Leggett
12:30 P.M.	-	Lunch
5:30 P.M.	-	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	-	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	-	Dr. John Hedgepeth

Thursday, August 7th

7:45 A.M.	-	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	-	Prayer Meeting - Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	-	Rev. Charles Boyd
11:00 A.M.	-	Dr. John Hedgepeth
12:30 P.M.	-	Lunch
12:30 P.M.	-	Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
5:30 P.M.	-	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	-	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	-	Rev. Roger Leggett

Friday, August 8th

7:45 A.M.	-	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	-	Prayer Meeting - Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	-	Rev. Luis Avila
11:00 A.M.	-	Rev. Roger Leggett
12:30 P.M.	-	Lunch
4:30 P.M.	-	Ministers' Wives Fellowship
5:30 P.M.	-	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	-	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	-	Dr. John Hedgepeth

Satuday, August 9th

7:45 A.M.	-	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	-	Prayer Meeting - Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	-	Rev. Brian Rogers
11:00 A.M.	-	Dr. John Hedgepeth
12:30 P.M.	-	Lunch
5:30 P.M	-	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	-	Youth Emphasis
7:00 P.M.	-	Director, Rev. Charles Boyd
		Message: Rev. Tony Miller

Sunday, August 10th

7:45 A.M.	-	Breakfast
9:30 A.M.	-	Sunday School - Octagon Tabernacle
		Joyce Godwin, Teacher
10:45 A.M.	-	Rev. Roger Leggett
12:30 P.M.	-	Lunch
5:30 P.M.	-	World Evangelism Emphasis
		Director, Rev. Danny Nelson
		Message: Dr. John Hedgepeth

Special Note: Continuing Education Units will be awarded to ministers who attend the 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. classes. A minimum of one credit will be offered for each session.

The 9:30A.M. service will be in the Octagon Tabernacle. ALL OTHER SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETING WILL BE IN THE J.A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE.

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"Incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding."

–Proverbs 2:2

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Introducing the NC Conference School of Ministry

There have been much discussion, thought, and prayer about a School of Ministry in Falcon. It begins in August at the Cafeteria Training Center and other buildings.

Step one will be the necessary classes for credentials. The Board and I have felt more needs to be done than the self-study program. Our candidates now will be able to interact with qualified instructors. The desire is that ministers receiving credentials be as qualified as possible to do the work of the Lord.

Assistant Superintendent Jimmy Whitfield will serve as the director of the school. He will supervise the operation of the school and choose instructors. My office will work with Brother Whitfield to facilitate a smooth operation.

Anyone may attend the school, not just those in the credentialing process. Pastors and other clergy may want a refresher course. CEU credits will be awarded – one per hour or 10 per course. Laymen may attend and are encouraged to do so.

The fee of $12.00 per class per person goes entirely for the two meals offered and refreshments. Housing will be available at no charge in the campus facilities. The student must bring his own linens, and towels. Dress will be casual. There will be a $25.00 application fee.

Classes will be Friday from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., when a simple test will be given for those in the credentialing process.

Ultimately, the school will be expanded beyond the classes for credentials. We hope to coordinate with one of our church schools and offer college credit. All teachers have a master's degree or equivalent.

The purpose is not to replace Bible school or college education. Rather, it is to supplement or assist those who have not had the privilege of such education. Those in the credentialing process will be required to take 7 of the 10 courses each year. The other 3 may be by independent or self-study. The superintendent will grant exemptions for self-study for those who have to work or have other disqualifying needs. Of course, those in an approved Bible college will not be required to attend the classes.

This first year will be the third-year series. We will begin in reverse order to allow everyone in the credentials process to participate. The first-year candidates will be required to take the Manual and IPHC history classes. Otherwise, they will take the same courses as the other candidates.

A prerequisite for each class is to read the proper textbooks and complete the accompanying study guide. Such materials may be ordered from LifeSprings Resources at 1-800-541-1376. The grading for the credentials candidates will be as follows:

Reading Text, 15%; Complete Study Guide, 15%; Test, 25%; Class Attendance and Participation, 45%.

At present there are no plans to have simultaneous translation into Spanish. The Hispanic training already in place will continue.

Brother Whitfield and I are expecting excellent participation. This is an opportunity for those who have never been ordained to be ordained.

The following is the schedule for the first year:

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
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Friday Night – Saturday Mid-afternoon

T. E. Long — Aug. 22-23
Isaiah
Tyndale Commentary
and Study Guide

Gary Strickland — Sept. 19-20
Romans
Tyndale Commentary
and Study Guide

Jim Whitfield — Oct. 10-11
I & II Corinthians
Tyndale Commentary
and Study Guide

Chris Thompson — Nov. 21-22
IPHC Manual and Study Guide

Doyle Marley — Nov. 21-22
Pouring New Wine Into Old Wineskins and Study Guide

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Forty Days of Purpose

Easter Sunday of this year, Glad Tidings Church joined in with hundreds of other churches worldwide who participated in the "Forty Days of Purpose" campaign developed by Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church and author of *The Purpose Driven Life* book that served as the guidebook for the campaign. We had over 450 adults, 42 teens, and about 150 children in our Promiseland Children's Church who participated in the six weeks of intensive commitment to the daily readings, service attendance, Scripture memory, and small group involvement.

Sunday morning attendance was up approximately 100 through the campaign. Pastor Rick provided manuscripts for the weekly Sunday morning teachings as well as 20-minute video teachings that served as the basic materials for the weekly home group interaction. We were blessed to see over 20 people come to Christ during this time, baptizing 22 on the concluding Celebration Sunday. Our home group attendance, which normally is about 225-250 average, exceeded the 400 mark during the six weeks, and we were blessed to add on five new groups. The Celebration Service was filled with glowing testimonies of the life-change that many experienced during this season.

Dozens of our people have requested that we do the campaign again in 2004. With such positive results, we are on board, without hesitation, to take this discipleship journey again.

–Pastor Maurice Phelps, Glad Tidings

Superintendent's Note:
Two other churches have been very successful with this material: The First, Pastor Jimmy Whitfield, and Stedman, Pastor Randal Strickland.

Have Sermon, Will Preach

If you need someone to fill in for you, whether it's one service one day or a sabbatical, Rev. L. B. Collins does an excellent job. During my recent illness, Rev. Collins was a great help. He has a heart for doing the Lord's work. Call on him, and he will do you good.

–Frank Gentry

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Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

A Better Way: Rediscovering the Drama of God-Centered Worship

by Michael Horton. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2002. 249 pages.

The subject of worship becomes increasingly controversial as culture continues to influence the church and church leaders around the world. If the message of the last days according to scripture is pertinent for us today, then the fading age impacting the church has tremendous ramifications that we must grapple with as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission. If it is true that our style of worship defines us in ways that we could not be otherwise defined, then who are we? Is it more important that Pentecostals truly worship God or design a worship that produces the most favorable results? Is it possible to have both? In the grand scheme of things, does it really matter how we worship the Lord in our churches as long as we are growing and prospering? If the church is not growing, is it because the worship style is outdated and not up to par? By whose standards and by what measures do we determine this to be true or not true? Most importantly, is the Lord pleased or not pleased with the way we worship?

For example, which has a greater impact on your life and ministry: "The data show..." or "Thus says the Lord..."? Would you agree that a church filled with pagans is in worse shape than a small country church that has faithfully shepherded God's children for generations? What is the church's mission, message, and methods? Is the audience sovereign over the message? What standards are worth compromising in order

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to win the masses? How far do we go to accommodate seekers that the Church may grow and prosper? Does it matter?

Michael Horton has written a book that challenges church leaders to come to terms with the way we think about worship and how we carry out the worship service. This publication cannot be read with great profit by reading it fast. There is so much to ponder over and to reason through that time and patience are required to reap the positive outcomes of such an exercise. The reader will be challenged to think and to examine himself or herself in terms of one's understanding of what true worship involves, especially in light of this post-modern and post-Christian era.

One of the key issues is the vertical and horizontal aspects of worship. Has worship been transformed into entertainment? Or is entertainment a part of worship? What is worship? Who benefits in worship? When true worship takes place, what happens? Is worship to be God-centered or man-centered? Is it possible for a worship experience to produce a false intimacy and false victory that leaves one empty and helpless when facing real-life issues and problems? What role do the Bible and preaching have in worship? Is the best music to be traditional, contemporary, or a combination of the two? Are we so concerned about losing the reached that concern over the lost has been relegated to the back burner? Is it true that if the local church fails to provide for the consumer desires of the reached, then they will find somewhere else that does cater to their desires? What is the pastor with a limited budget to do? Should consumerism be the driving force of change in the church?

While the book does not pretend to deal exhaustively with the subject of worship, valuable insight will be gained, and a better understanding of the real problems church leaders are faced with will come to light. One thing is certain. We are being affected in ways that we never imagined by the subtle world system. Like the proverbial frog in the kettle, little by little, the heat is being turned up, and how we respond to the current challenges and the greater challenges ahead will make a big difference in terms of our identification with Jesus Christ. Just look at what is happening to "preaching," and you will understand what I mean. In twenty years from now, should the Lord tarry, how much preaching will be done from our pulpits? Will preaching be replaced completely by drama, dance, movies, and concerts? Isn't the preaching event becoming "outdated" in the eyes of some?

Theologically speaking, Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, and worship is all about God and giving Him glory and honor and thanks for His blessings. The analogy of the Laodicean church era is instructive in terms of the location of Christ's presence today. God forbid, but could it be that He is on the outside knocking on the door, desiring to come into His house in many places around the world? What or who put Him out of His own church? What has the church become, and what is the church doing that makes the Lord nauseous in light of Revelation 3?

Why should we tolerate unbridled enthusiasm or dead orthodoxy when we can be involved in a vibrant, God-ordained, and powerful encounter with God in Pentecostal worship? Worship can be more profound than you have experienced in the past six months. Is there not a deep and profound hunger among our people for genuine worship? True worship is not so much that it is life-changing and life enhancing, but rather, that the worshiper has connected with the God of heaven, and the worshiper declares the weight and worthiness of God, honoring and extolling Him. The Father in heaven seeks true worshipers who worship Him in spirit and in truth, not simply for their benefit, but because God is Creator and we are His creatures, the sheep of His pasture.

Indeed, there is a better way to worship Him as we grow and mature, as Horton has presented in his publication. Just as no one ever graduates from the school of prayer, no one graduates from the school of worship. Throw out anything in your life that hinders the true worship of God. Refuse to yield to the spirit of the times. Bring in everything God has for you to worship Him sincerely with circumcised hearts, rejoicing in Christ Jesus and having no confidence in the flesh. How we go about worshiping Almighty God is the most important thing about the Church today. May God guide us, and may we follow Him more closely as His soon return nears. Happy Reading!

A Fish Out of the Water: Nine Strategies Effective Leaders Use to Help You Get Back Into the Flow

by George Barna. Nashville: Integrity Publishers, 2002. 204 pages.

This book is helpful and insightful, and claims to be for anyone who leads people, wants to lead people, or knows that they should be leading people. That pretty much covers it all, doesn't it?

Barna addresses nine challenges confronting most leaders and offers nine strategies to deal effectively with those challenges. The book comprises nine chapters that teach the leader or aspiring leader to raise the water level for God's people, so you and they can swim and be the "fish" God wants you to be.

Based on the premise that leading is a privilege and that obedience to God is far more important than success, the author pulls from years of experience and research, including input from some of the best leaders in the country, and tackles the tough issues of leadership. The text is pretty much straightforward and hard-hitting. There is not much cushion for comfort. Barna shoots straight from the hip and hits the bullseye of the key values and issues of an effective leader.

For example, he believes that if you want to be popular, become an entertainer, but if you want to lead, get used to choppy waters. A good dose of realism can be found in each chapter. He pulls no punches. He simply tells it like it is in the real world of leadership. Another favorite of mine is, "There is no such thing as an effective Christian leader who puts spiritual growth on the back burner."

The author advocates that it is vitally important for any leader, especially pastors, to understand that organizations and churches have life cycles. The leader must know where his organization or church is in terms of the cycle. The kind of leadership that got you where you are today may not be suitable to where you want to go. This is good because it is so true.

There is no doubt that all pastors and Church leaders will benefit from reading and studying this publication. I recommend it highly. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

Dear Women of God,

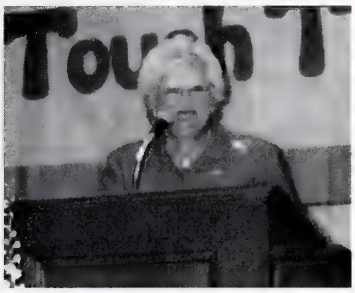
As you read this artide, the NCWM Convention 2003 has made history. Thank you for your vision to move forward in Women's Ministries. The foundation has heen laid to make the NCWM directorship a full-time position.

NCWM Secretary Marjorie Teachey presented a motion that convention members reconsider the Finance Committee Report adopted at the 2002 convention. NCWM Assistant Director Janice Marshburn made a second to the motion. The motion passed.

A second motion was made by Mrs. Teachey to delete items 1 and 2 under section W, letter A, of the Finance Committee Report and replace it with the following: "The NCWM Board will set the salaries of the conference WM director and the conference secretary/treasurer. These salaries will be reviewd annually. That the NCWM Board in consultation with the conference superintendent work at finding a way to make the NCWM directorship a full-time position." Conference Superintendent Thompson spoke in favor of the motion. He explained that in order to bring about the Resolution Committee's recommendation to make the NCWM directorship full-time, this portion of the Finance Committee Report would have to be revised. No one spoke in opposition to the question. The motion passed.

We want to keep you informed of what is happening in Women's Ministries. We are excited about how the Lord is blessing this ministry. Thank you for your continued love and support.

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"



Beulah Sturkie, speaking at NCWM Convention

Recognition of local secretary/treasurers

Sharing Sisters Fellowship

On Tuesday, June 3, 2003, Graham Memorial and Maranatha Women's Ministries were invited to join the Harkers Island women in a time of food, fun, and fellowship. Approximately sixty women gathered in the fellowship hall of the Harkers Island church to enjoy a wonderful candlelight meal. Mrs. Patsy Deese, NCWM Conference director, brought us a timely message on "thinking" before we speak. Harkers Island WM Director Helen Ann Chadwick and her local women did an outstanding job sharing their hospitality with us. Thank you, ladies, for making us feel so special!

This is a great idea for smaller WM groups to get together for a time of fellowship and sharing.

Feast of Ingathering Scholarship Recipients Say Thank You...

Nicholas Davenport of Knightdale says, "I would like to thank you for the scholarship that I was given. This money was not given in vain; it will help me in continuing my education at Emmanuel College. Please tell the churches that gave me these scholarships thank you as well. May God continue to bless you ladies in all that you do.

Summer Green from Elizabethtown says, "Thank you very much for selecting me as a recipient of the Feast of Ingathering Scholarship and for helping me fulfill God's plan for my life. Words will never describe my appreciation. May God richly bless you for your generosity."

Victoria Smith from Raleigh says, "Thank you for the $100 Scholarship to help attend Emmanuel College. It will help so much! I hope God blesses you ladies as much as He has blessed me by attending Emmanuel College."

2003 Fall District Conference Schedule

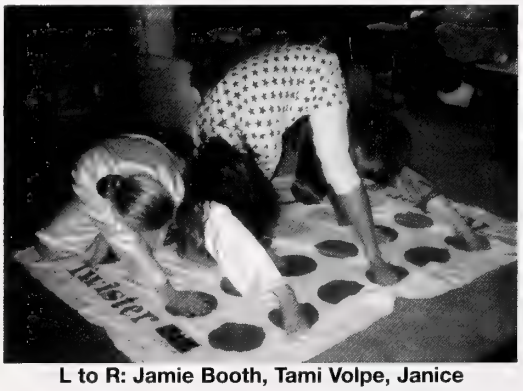
- Wilmington District: Tuesday, Sept. 2 at Harvest Fellowship
- Williamston District: Thursday, Sept. 4 at Bethany
- New Bern District: Tuesday, Sept. 9 at Trenton
- Raleigh District: Thursday, Sept. 11 at Benson
- Fayetteville District: Monday, Sept. 15 at Cuibreth
- Morehead City Dist: Tuesday, Sept. 16 at Smyrna
- Greenville District: Thursday, Sept. 18 at Family Life Tabernacle
- Goldsboro District: Monday, Sept. 22 at Niagara
- Clinton District: Tuesday, Sept. 23 at Goshen
- Rocky Mt. District: Thursday, Sept. 25 at Roanoke Rapids
- Wilson District: Monday, Sept. 29 at Independence
- Lumberton District: Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Highest Praise

FEAST OF INGATHERING OFFERINGS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THESE MEETINGS.
Please make plans to attend workshops planned for Women's Ministries.

We Had A P.J. Party!

The ladies of the Jacksonville Pentecostal Holiness Church enjoyed a sleepover at the home of Ruth Foley, our secretary-treasurer. It was a night of laughter and tears as stories of joy and personal needs were shared. If husbands only knew some of the secrets that were shared! One thing I found fascinating was how one 73-year-old mother could so vividly relate the details surrounding the birth of her children. I thought about how God must smile as He remembers the day we received new birth in Him!

After munching and sharing secrets, we put on our PJs and had a fashion show. Some were silly, and some even had feet in them. After the show we enjoyed some games, including Twister. I stretched muscles I didn't realize I had. Micha Bland gave a timely devotion on joy before we all found a place to sleep for the remaining hours of the night. The couches, beds, and even the floor were arrayed with lovely ladies. As I drifted off to sleep, I could still hear quiet chatter as needs and stories continued to be shared. On Saturday morning we got up to the wonderful aroma of breakfast foods coming from the kitchen. Ruth was busy making coffee, and cooking bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits, and Danish. We even enjoyed homemade grape juice and jellies. We ended our visit in a circle interceding for our personal needs and for the needs of our church. It was a wonderful time of relaxation, restoration, and renewal.



L to R: Jamie Booth, Tami Volpe, Janice Marshburn enjoy a game of Twister.

Juanita Blalock, Board member, modeling PJs and socks.

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World Intercession Network

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Take Time to Study God's Word

"God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful." –1 Cor. 1:9

God desires fellowship with His creation; He reaches out to man with love, grace, and mercy. His desire is that man would be constantly reaching out to Him.

Recently in a time of prayer I asked God for a special revelation or word that would speak to me about what was on His heart. A few days passed, and as I got up one morning, I heard the Holy Spirit say the word "Reach." I did not understand what He meant right away until I continued to meditate on what He had spoken. I proceeded to ask the Lord, "Am I failing you in some area of my life where I am not reaching out enough?" He responded, "You must reach out to me even more than before; the times are getting harder or more difficult. Reaching out and seeking me is what I desire from my people and you. Share this word that I've given you: Reach up to your God!"

I was so pleased to know that God was so loving and caring that He would caution us. He was speaking to His church and me about the importance of reaching up to Him and spending more time in His presence. I believe God is truly up to something great, and we must be ready to receive it. He wants his church sensitive and pressing in to His presence, plans, and moves.

Reaching up will empower us to reach out!

To "reach" means to thrust out, to extend toward by thrusting. To obtain and hand over. To go as far as; attain. To influence; affect. To get in touch with. To extend in influence. To try to obtain.

I believe God is asking us to extend ourselves in times of prayer, praise, studying and reading His word. We are to first reach up to Him in order to obtain and then have the power to influence and affect others.

In John 20:25-27 we read the story of when Jesus arose from the grave and Thomas doubted that Jesus was alive.

Thomas said, " Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hands into his side, I will not believe it."

Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

When we **reach** up and **extend** ourselves to God, we attain and obtain revelation, power, influence, faith; and we get in touch with all of His authority. We then can **reach** out more effectively to others with full assurance of success. We then will see more salvations, healings, signs, wonders, and people being set free.

Reaching up ensures us the power we need to reach out.

In Genesis 11:1-6 we read of God's people wanting to **reach up** to heaven with their own ideas and strength.

Then they said, **"Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."**

They were reaching up only to obtain:
1) A name for themselves
2) Self-dominion
3) Their own destiny
4) Man-centered unity, power, and accomplishments

God was not pleased in the way they decide to **reach up**; it was through the desire of the flesh, their own thoughts, strength, and power. This led them to confusion, division, and separation from God, and also his purposes and plans.

Reaching up to God needs to be done with a pure heart and pure motives so that His name may be honored and glorified. As He is glorified we then will experience and see a great outpouring of His Spirit upon the earth.

Let us reach up in prayer, praise, and intercession so we may experience His outpouring in these last days.

REACH UP to obtain the power to REACH OUT!

Schedule of Camp Meeting
Prayer Services August 3-10

8:30 AM - Octagon Tabernacle

Monday	August 4	Thursday	August 7
Tuesday	August 5	Friday	August 8
Wednesday	August 6	Saturday	August 9

7:00 PM - New Prayer Room in Training Center (near cafeteria)

Monday	August 4	Thursday	August 7
Tuesday	August 5	Friday	August 8
Wednesday	August 6		

We are praying for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit as we **reach** up to Him in prayer, praise, and the preaching of His Word.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call on him while he is near." –Isa. 55:6

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"Partners in Ministry"

The Men's Advance – I'm Glad I Was There

by Randy Hardee

On a clear Thursday evening in December 1993, I was returning from a weeklong business trip. Traveling had been a part of my profession for many years. Everything appeared normal at the Charlotte Douglas Airport. I hurried off my arriving jet and rushed to the commuter terminal. I was taking a US Air Shorts 360 turbo twin prop for my final one-hour leg home to Kinston, N.C. I couldn't wait to board the plane and finish the wonderful book I was reading by Ed Cole titled *Maximized Manhood*. I felt really pumped to be a better husband, father, and God servant from the inspirational words contained in the book. I took my assigned seat, last row on the left, window seat. We took off and soon reached our cruising speed and altitude, somewhere around eighteen thousand feet. The flight attendant was making her beverage pass, starting with the front row. I finished the book. Wow! What words of encouragement. I stared out my window at the prop spinning at full speed and the circular image made by the paint marks near the prop tips. I couldn't wait to get home and see my family. Suddenly, right before my eyes, the huge engine exploded and burst into flames. The prop stopped spinning and the plane started spiraling uncontrollably towards the earth. Passengers were screaming, the flight attendant was shouting, and I noticed that the engine was trailing black smoke and flames, somewhat like the war movie planes do when they're shot down.

A lot of things suddenly flashed through my mind. Things like, will we die? Will I feel the pain? How will my family take this? But I had a really strange peace around me that seemed to take control of my senses. Honestly, I was scared but not panicky because of this wonderful peace. I quietly asked God to take control and help the pilot get us out of this alive.

Finally, the pilot was able to pull the plane out of the spiral and announced we would make an emergency landing in Fayetteville, N.C. The pilot instructed everyone to take the crash position. A precaution, I'm sure, in case he was not able to land with only one engine. We circled the airport, and I could see the emergency vehicles lined up on the runway. That sight didn't help the already terrified passengers who feared the worst. We obviously made a safe landing, and all turned out well.

I owe a great deal to the book *Maximized Manhood* for the peace it initially gave me as I first boarded that plane. Jack Kelley, Men's Ministries director for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, had given me that book at a Men's Ministries Fall Advance just three months earlier. Had I not attended that Fall Advance and received the book, I wonder how I would have reacted during the engine explosion ordeal.

A few years later at another Fall Advance, I arrived terribly burdened because of a business deal my wife and I were involved in that was turning sour. My best efforts were getting us nowhere. This was one of those events in life that really bog you down. Our keynote speaker, Dr. James Garlow from Texas, instructed us to gather in small groups and tell the other men what our special needs were and then to have focused prayer. I shared my problem with the small group of men. We lifted up an earnest prayer for the Lord to deliver me out of the dilemma. As with most other prayers, I felt somewhat better, but admittedly didn't really think that this prayer was any different than my past prayers on the matter.

Shortly upon returning from the Men's Advance, God began miraculously to work out the issues at hand – in fact, much better than I had ever dreamed, and I will always be convinced that it was the special prayer lifted up by that small circle of men. Had I not attended that Fall Advance, I wonder how that business deal would have unfolded.

Men, these true stories are my personal testimony of the power of men coming together in one accord with the sole purpose of encouraging each other through special messages and worship designed especially for men. I am confident that there are many other testimonials just like mine as to the impact of Men's Ministries events, like our Fall Advance.

On Friday night and Saturday morning, September 12 and 13, at the Falcon Education Building, we'll again have our Fall Advance. If you've never attended, you owe it to yourself to come and see. Here's a brief recap of what to expect:

• For any golfers, arrive early Friday morning at Keith Hill's Golf Club (Campbell College). We have a great time

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Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

EVANGELISM

I have in the last few days taken a look at the accomplishments of the North Carolina Conference for the first six months of 2003, and it doesn't take but a short review to say, "Look what the Lord has done!" Then, in the very next breath, I thank God for the good pastors, ministers, and people of this conference. It is great to talk to pastors and church people and hear the reports of new converts, experiences of Sanctification, of the Pentecostal baptism, of Divine healing, an awakened awareness of the coming of our Lord, and of members being added to local churches. It is also exciting to hear numerous reports of the expansion and upgrading of local facilities. These reports do not just happen; it is truly God working through hungry people reaping the harvest. Following is a brief report on several areas of Evangelism Ministries.

MODEL CHURCH STRATEGY

Our goal was to enlist 20 churches to participate in this six-month revitalization/growth tool. We had 29 churches to sign on, and 26 have participated for each of the first three sessions at Whitley Church, which is our "Model Church." Even though we're now in the summer months, the attendance has been beyond expectation; 158, 201, 170 respectively. There is indeed a hunger in this conference for growth and revitalization, and there is a hunger for revival among our people and pastors. There are plans for follow-up training in 2005, and I urge pastors to put this on their long-range planning board.

CHURCH PLANTING

The goal in 2003 was 10 churches to be planted/organized. Through June, God is ahead of us (Look what the Lord is doing!) Elizabethtown Hispanic, Pastor Joel Pava; Saint Paul's Hispanic, Pastor Alfredo Vargas; New Creation (Havelock), Pastor Jack and Myrtle Jayroe, is more accurately a "re-start"; the church was closed at the end of December 2002; then Jack and Myrtle Jayroe, both with a burden for the area, petitioned the conference superintendent and me to allow them to re-open the doors, and now they're averaging in the 40s approaching 50, and, by the way, both the Jayroes are approaching retirement; they are both over 80 years young. We received Watha Praise Fellowship into the conference as an affiliate, soon to be a full member, pastor James Damewood. We also have another CTM (Church Type Mission) just started in Roanoke Rapids already having over 30 in their services in homes. For the first time in our history, we are on schedule to close 2003 with 200 churches. To God be the Glory.

Grace Harbor (Wilmington), Pastor Gabriel Tew, had their grand opening service on Easter Sunday with 150 in attendance and have averaged 80-plus since.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Chapel of Hope Hispanic was organized in February with 65 members, Pastor Francisco Suero; Wallace Hispanic was organized in May with 38 members, Pastor Victor Espinoza; Damascus Road (Raeford) was organized in June with 30 members, Pastor Rick Taylor. At this point there are four churches that are ready to be organized in the months ahead.

PROSPECTS

No one denies that God is doing a great work among the youth of America, and that is true among the youth of the N.C. Conference. Within a few weeks a "home youth group" will begin meetings in Kill Devil Hills, and there is also an effort underway in Raleigh to lay groundwork for a church plant using youth as the catalyst. To say the least, I am excited! Some of the areas of focus for the remainder of 2003 are Lumberton, Pembroke, Fairmont, Havelock, Williamston, and Greenville.

As you can see, the achievements are being realized, yet there is an abundant and available harvest, and it is at your back door. In 2004 the emphasis will be churches planting churches and churches mothering churches. I'm praying that God is already at work behind the scenes preparing churches and pastors to become more involved and proactive in planting churches.

EVANGELISTS

We have two men of God, Paul Jackson (252-756-8228) and Terry Whittenton (910-892-8971) who are being used greatly by God. Both of these brothers would be an asset to your congregation. It is interesting and praiseworthy to note that even though Satan tried to remove both of these men by serious illness in the past year, God had the upper hand, and both are back and going strong and are engaged in the Lord's harvest.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS

Often we hear of untapped resources. I think one of the underused resources in the N.C. Conference are our superannuated ministers. There is a wealth of knowledge, experience, and much energy in this distinguished group. I believe that there are some great

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Local Directors Meeting Held In Falcon

On Saturday, May 3, 2003, approximately forty local WM directors met at the Training Center in Falcon for a time of worship, training, fun, and fellowship, This annual event is held the first Saturday in May each year. All local directors are encouraged to attend. This is a great time to get to know one another and to share ideas. Great ideas were shared from the General, conference, and local levels to help promote Women's Ministries in the local church. Anne Willis, New Bern district director, had us pair up to work together to plant small cups of seeds and to find out information about each other to share with the group.

We appreciate Blanche Pollard for giving our devotion and the Reelsboro Women's Ministries for providing a wonderful chicken salad lunch with all the trimmings.

We hope that you will mark May 1, 2004, on your calendar for the next directors meeting.

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together as we play Captain's Choice for the low round. Prizes are offered to the best teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Golf is $35. Includes Cart, Green Fees, and Prizes.

- Our Advance officially begins Friday night. Our keynote speaker this year is Chris Thompson, N.C. Conference superintendent. Chris will be speaking on men who count in the church, family, home, and community. There will be other special speakers and subjects, all targeted towards motivating and encouraging men. Our most important guest is always present, the Christ.
- For the $30 entry fee, lodging and food are provided there at the Falcon Campus.
- We meet again Saturday morning for breakfast and continue to receive great messages of motivation from men who have diligently sought God's will before speaking to us.
- Around noon, we conclude the Advance with a great lunch and then head home.

Attention Pastors: If you're not prompting the Men's Advance aggressively in your church, you're doing your men a great disservice. Remember that everything that happens at the Men's Advance is designed to encourage men. Your men will be delivered back to you motivated to serve.

For more information or entry forms for this Fall Advance, contact Ronnie Basden, N. C. Men's Ministries Director. Phone (252) 523-8380

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possibilities for church planting and revitalization among them; will you help me pray over this matter for God's direction as to how to tap into this resource.

MISSIONS

By the time you receive this issue, we will have already had our August 10 Global Outreach Celebration. The goal for the conference is $275,000, and I'm believing God and relying on you, the faithful people of this conference, to help us reach, even surpass, that total. Thank you to every pastor, every local missions director, and to every participant in Global Outreach because with every dollar, you're making "An Investment in Eternity." Pastors, mark these dates on your fall calendar: October 23, 24, 25; these are the dates for our missions FESTs. (Foreign Evangelism Strategy Training). The meetings will be in New Bern, Williamston, and in Falcon. I urge you, Pastor, to make every effort to be present at one of the meetings along with your missions director and key missions personnel. This is a vital meeting. Again, thank you for your faithful support for missions in prayer, monthly support, People to People, Coffee House, and in Global Outreach.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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I can't spell "Falcon Youth Camp" the way I say it, but after three great weeks of camp, many more young people in the N.C. Conference can now say with boldness and conviction, "Now I See." Read the following reports from my Deans of Camp...

Teen Week of 2003 Falcon Youth Camp was a phenomenal week. Over 250 teenagers from the North Carolina Conference met together for one purpose: to see God more clearly. This year's theme was "Now I See," and I'm confident that every camper and worker left FYC with a clearer vision of who they are in Christ. One Voice from Southwestern Christian University, SCU President Bob Ely, and the IPHC National Youth Pastor Steve Ely, along with Emmanuel College's Drama Team, ushered everyone into the presence of God in a powerful way. God certainly showed Himself faithful, pouring out His Spirit and transforming the lives of young and old alike. God is still saving, cleansing, and filling people with His Spirit. The future of the N.C. Conference is very bright. Pastors and church leaders, get ready: many teenagers left Teen Week of FYC with a clearer vision of God in their lives, and many churches will be blessed with young people better equipped to share the Gospel and help build the Kingdom of God.

– Joe Francisco, Dean of Camp, Teen Week

Junior Week was full of miracles and memories — M&M's that cannot be bought at the canteen. If Falcon Youth Camp is known for anything, it is these two items. Junior FYC 2003 was filled with M&M's. Miracles: Precious junior boys and girls born again, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit; Christian adults and teens who take a week of vacation to touch the lives of children; Evangelist Terry Whittenton touched by God to minister effectively; a child can come to camp free by selling candy; a child with low self-esteem can feel loved and important for at least one week; no broken bones on the giant slip-n-slide; every camper on their way home by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday; and future Christian leaders touched for eternity. Memories: that year the boys had to stay in a motel and at Falcon Children's Home; junior girls and boys truly worshiping around the altar; getting homesick; new friends; ring pops, pixie sticks and sugar highs at the canteen; I lost my money; horseback riding for the first time; the place I gave my heart to Jesus; the banquet; flagpole devotions; "Now I See"; not getting homesick; my counselor; going to sleep at 2:00 a.m.; cafeteria food; shaving cream; sleeping on a bunk bed; and other memories that will last a lifetime. Falcon Youth Camp is really not that complicated. It's about the M&M's of childhood.

– Oris Hubbard, Dean of Camp, Junior Week

Primary Week of camp was full of fun and excitement. It was a joy to serve as the Dean of Camp as I witnessed the coming together of over 200 people (campers and staff) for a week of fun and spiritual growth. It was the first camping experience for the majority of the kids. I could only remember my first experience of Falcon Youth Camp as I came with my father when I was only five years old. When camp was over in that hot summer of 1970, I could say, "Now I See," concerning my spiritual needs and Savior. This year was no exception! The very first night, the altar was full of kids who responded to the great biblical message by Whitle-Do. They, too, left the altar saying, "Now I see," and continued to seek the Lord throughout the week as they received the Word through creative messages and song. I am thankful for each of the campers and the camp staff. Everyone worked hard to make sure the week was a success!

Today, many kids go to all different types of camps. They attend camps for sports, academics, and social emphasis. I would encourage parents to get their kids started out right by allowing them the honor of attending Falcon Youth Camp, place where kids ages 7, 8, and 9 could come and say, "Now I See," and leave with a closer relationship with the Lord.

— Pastor Greg Long, Dean of Camp, Primary Week

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"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

–Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Day of Special Challenges

Our primary mission in the NC Conference is to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and make disciples per His wishes and command. This is our purpose and privilege. In addition, over the next few months and next few years there are several special challenges.

These are days of challenge, but also days of great opportunity. We have the potential to make a difference in our communities and body of Christ. Paul said, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (1 Cor. 16:9). Let us rise to meet the challenges. Adversaries do exist, but in Him all things are possible. Let me briefly mention seven special challenges.

I am discussing these challenges at the Fall MPM Meetings with the Superintendent and explaining what the conference is doing to meet these challenges.

1. Status of Ministers

There is a constant turnover in ministers. In 2002, 36 new ministers came in, but 22 went out (transferred, dismissed, etc.). To date in 2003, some 26 have come in, but 15 have gone out. Praise the Lord for new ministers. However, the volume of turnover is a challenge.

The family of ministers is aging: 57% are over the age of 50. The youngest minister is 23. There are only two who are 23. Two are over 90; 27 are in their 80s; 63 are in their 70s; and 68 in their 60s. The total number of licensed and ordained ministers is 319 ordained and 108 licensed. Lord, send some younger ministers, and thank you for the veterans.

2. Training of Ministers

The American culture no longer trains Christians in basics. Most come to a point of call with little religious education. Churches have a great need to get back to more systematic Bible training. These needs surface quickly in the preparation for ministers. Even seasoned ministers need constant training to keep up with the demands of the culture. It is a new day, *and* that day changes every day.

3. Motivation to Lay Ministry

80% of ministry is done by only 20% of the saints. Pastors are doing too much and equipping too little. All the saints are to do the work of ministry, not just a select few. Every church has far more work than any one person can do.

4. Hispanic Ministries

We have 29 Spanish-speaking churches. Praise the Lord! There is a great need for local training and the development of local church structures. Clergy must be trained. Many clergy must have help in their documentation for visas. Only those with proper visas can carry credentials. There is a great need for a Spanish-speaking coordinator working full-time out of the office. Brother Nelson and I believe that with such a person the number of Hispanic churches could quickly go over 50.

5. Finances

The conference is experiencing some major cutbacks in conference allocation from churches. In the last two years the percentage has dropped from 8% to 5.5%. Each percentage point represents some $90,000. The idea is that in the next few years the allocation will reduce to zero. This will leave the conference sharing in a greater percentage of the General Tithe. In order not to reduce programs and adversely affect existing ministries, other funds must increase. In 2002 the ministers' tithe increased, and the General Budget as well. These increases are a great help. However, the church allocation was some $786,000 last year. This amount will possibly reduce to zero in six years. What a challenge!

6. Staff

Since 1986 only one additional staff person has been hired at the conference office. The membership has increased some 10,000 members, and the number of churches has increased from 156 to 199. Here are some people who are needed. Of course, more staff means more office space and in some cases funds to minister.

- Full-time Hispanic coordinator
- Part-time Hispanic secretary
- Full-time WM director
- Part-time Men's Ministries director
- Full-time conference youth pastor
- Part-time Royal Elders director
- Assistant to superintendent
- Miscellaneous secretary to "other" department leaders (these are not necessarily in order)

7. Conference Campus

We are continuing with the overall vision of developing the campus as a training and resource center. Presently the Blue Dorm is being upgraded at a cost of $200,000. All other buildings have been upgraded except the canteen and J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. It needs some major attention. One engineer places the necessary cost at $1.3 million - the exact cost of a new building with the same dimensions. A new multipurpose auditorium (seating an additional 700 to 2000) would cost $2 million to $2.5 million. May the Lord give wisdom and direction.

These are days of challenges but great opportunities. The Lord is blessing. By obedience and faithfulness we will be victorious. Praise the Lord!

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Rev. L. L. Lassiter
August 16, 1914 - July 17, 2003

Rev. Little Linwood Lassiter went to heaven on Thursday, July 17, 2003. He had been very sick for a number of years. He is not lost to us; we know where he is. He is survived by one son, Robert (Bobby). He was preceded to heaven by his wife Helen.

Brother Lassiter was converted at the Millennium Church in September 1943. He very quickly felt the call to preach. He received his mission worker's license in 1945 at a district conference meeting in Rocky Mount, NC. As a mission worker, he worked a mission in Jackson, NC, under the supervision of Pastor Raymond Potter.

During conference/camp meeting in 1959 at Falcon, he was licensed to preach and became a member of the NC Conference. Ordination followed in Falcon in 1963.

His active ministerial life included pastorates at the following churches: Windsor, Merritts Chapel, Darlington, and Wakelon (his longest pastorate). One could count on Brother Lassiter to be present at all conference functions. I remember him always giving an encouraging word in his quiet and unassuming way. When not ministering, he was faithful to the Millennium Church.

The funeral was conducted on Sunday afternoon, July 20, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the Garrett Funeral Home in Ahoskie. Those ministers officiating were Rev. Bob Sheens (Bobby's pastor), Rev. Paul Edwards (Millennium), and Chris Thompson. The service was well attended. Interment was in Job Cemetery near Millennium Church.

The angel said to Daniel in Daniel 9:23, "For thou art greatly beloved." Gabriel's testimony expressed the worth of a great life. Real worth in life is seen in one's conduct and devotion. His servants are to be epistles known and read of all men. Such was L. L. Lassiter. He was known as God's servant and a good man.

May the Lord bless his son and his influence among us.

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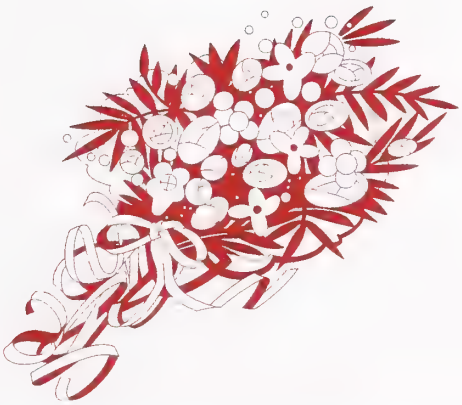

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Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do With You

by John MacArthur. Nashville: W Publishing Group, a division of Thomas Nelson, Inc., 2002. 200 pages.

For many years, *The Training of the Twelve* by A. B. Bruce has served ministers and laypersons alike as a classic on the study of the twelve disciples of Jesus. This new publication by MacArthur would make excellent supplemental material and serve as a guide for a series of lessons or sermons on the subject.

We are asked as believers to believe in God and trust Him with our whole being. Jesus put His trust in certain men as well. What Jesus did on the Cross was necessary for the salvation of men, but what the Twelve did after the Ascension was necessary for the salvation of those to follow. Had the disciples failed to propagate the Gospel after the departure of the Lord Jesus, the message would have perished with them. But we know the story, don't we? The Twelve, except Judas Iscariot, proved to be the kind of men the Lord Jesus could trust to continue His work and ministry to the world.

Since the Lord Jesus did not choose the disciples based on what they were at the time of their calling, but on what they would become, MacArthur describes in biographical form the characteristics of each man, and how through time each disciple changed and matured in the faith to become extraordinarily useful for the kingdom of God as "valiant and intrepid witnesses for Christ." The author brings out many points of interest and instruction that would add "weight" and "worthiness" to any Bible presentation.

Admittedly, there are no earth-shattering chapters or dazzling new facts in the book that would suit the casual listener. It is a thorough, plain, and insightful presentation of godly men who served the Lord and the church of Jesus Christ well. It would be a worthy addition to any Bible student's library.

Paul on Trial: The Book of Acts as a Defense of Christianity

by John W. Mauck
Nashville: Thomas Nelson Inc., 2001. 236 pages.

John W. Mauck, a seasoned attorney who happens to be born again and a great student of Scripture, establishes a compelling, personal conviction that the Book of Acts serves as a legal brief for the eighteen charges brought against early Christian leaders, particularly the apostle Paul. The service the author has rendered is providing new insight into the understanding of the remarkable historical book of the New Testament.

While Paul doesn't become the primary character of the Book of Acts until the beginning of chapter 13, there is much to be said of the forensic purpose of Acts as a record of defending the faith before Caesar and the world. Surely the miracles, signs, and wonders performed validated the Gospel, but through the trials, we see the various attacks on "the faith once delivered to the saints," and as a result, learn some of what was most important in Christian doctrine and the evangelistic thrust of the early Church.

Armed with a substantial knowledge of ancient Roman law and court procedures, Mauck presents the two legal defenses of Paul: [1] Christianity was not an illegal new religion. It was authentic Judaism made universal through Jesus Christ; [2] Paul and the Christians were not a threat to Roman order. They were peaceful proclaimers of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The publication consists of a glossary, a handy time chart of Acts, and 32 chapters focusing on the various trials and charges against Paul and others. Mauck argues that although the universality of the faith certainly was emphasized throughout Acts, the essential aspect of the book was a legal apology credentialing the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which in turn authenticated the person and work of Christ.

As a reviewer, I highly recommend this book to any serious student of Scripture who seeks a more in-depth understanding of Acts. The author's approach advances a new key unlocking the Book of Acts. The insight gained as a result of the aspects of Roman law that figure into the decision-making process, the various cultural influences, and the Roman officials makes this book all the more valuable. *Paul on Trial* is worth the expense and the time taken to absorb its contents. Happy Reading!

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

What if You Were the Only Christian in Town?

Several months ago, I was asked, "What if you were the only Christian in town?"

I began to look into this question. In the book of Daniel, we find such a person in chapter 1, verses 8 and 21.

In the year 605 BC, Judah was captured by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. Daniel was just a teenager when his family was killed. All of the crops burned, so there was no food to eat for those that were left. The intent was to humiliate the leaders of Judah and to kill them. Daniel was taken captive, humiliated, and carried 800 miles across the desert, naked, to serve in the king's palace.

Even through the trials and hardships, Daniel could have blamed God for everything, but he never forgot his spiritual teachings and upbringing. He had already determined in his heart as a boy that he would follow God. Serving God is a lifetime commitment.

Nebuchadnezzar wanted Daniel to serve in the palace because of his good looks, his gift of wisdom, knowledge, and quickness to understand. But first he had to go through three years of training. The Babylonians' purpose was to teach their language and the ways of the Chaldeans. They wanted to change the captives' thought patterns. They wanted to take away what Daniel had been taught. It is that way today: Satan wants to change what we have been taught. Just listen to what our youth are being told: remove "In God We Trust"; do away with the Ten Commandments; same-sex marriage is okay; the list goes on and on; you add to the list.

Daniel's decision not to eat the king's food and the refusal to bow to the image of the king demonstrated such an uncompromising spirit. His commitment presents an unending challenge to us as believers not to compromise our testimony of Jesus Christ.

What if **you** were the only Christian in town?

Daniel had no fellowship with other Christians. No church, no praise, and no worship services.

Seventy years later, Daniel was still faithful to God.

What if you were the only Christian in town? (Just a thought!)

Gordon Knox
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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

September

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, Yes, more than those who watch for the morning." (Psalm 130:5, 6)

Women of God, have you ever noticed how much time we spend *waiting*? We wait for our children, our spouse, and our friends. If we go to the dentist, the doctor, or the hospital, we wait. Our patience is really tried when we're in a hurry and we have to wait for a stoplight or, in my case, the drawbridge.

I had the privilege in July to go on an Appalachian mission trip. We built ramps and porches for needy families. The director of this project had planned for us to build a forty-foot ramp for an elderly woman; however, a few days before we arrived, she was hospitalized. Therefore, he had to find other locations for us to work. We had to wait for him to get the details worked out, and then we had to wait for the materials to do the work. By the end of the week, even with all the waiting and uncertainties, we accomplished our goal, and it was gratifying to stand back and look at how the Lord used our talents to help others. One of our younger volunteers did not quite understand the concept of "waiting." I took advantage of the situation and took a book with me and used that precious time to relax and read.

Our choir director wrote the words to this chorus, which I think sums up what I'm trying to say:

Help my spirit hear You, Lord,
While I wait, my God, for You.
Till I hear You speak to me
I will wait, Lord, I will wait on You.

Not looking back, but, Lord, instead
Move me on to what's ahead.
I surrender to Your call
And I wait, Lord, I will wait on You.

My prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless each of us with patience and understanding as we allow Him to use us to meet the needs of others.

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Attention, Please!

If you are a local W.M. director, secretary-treasurer, or pastor's wife, and you are not receiving the quarterly newsletter from Women's Ministries, please send in your correct mailing address so we can get this information to you. My address is at the top of this page. Thank you for your help.

Potpourri

Grandparents' Day – In 1970, a West Virginia housewife, Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, initiated a campaign to set aside a special day just for grandparents. Governor Arch Moore proclaimed the first Grandparents' Day in 1973 in West Virginia. Five years later, the United States Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents' Day. President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation.

Sealed envelopes – put in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed.

Empty toilet paper rolls – can be used to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat, and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.

Mosquito bites – to get rid of an itch, try applying soap on the area and you will experience instant relief.

All Things Are Ready

Come and Give to the Feast!

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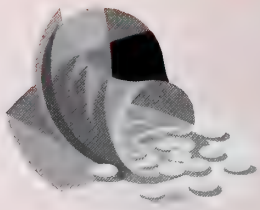

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Rocky Mount District Rally... "Queen of Hearts"

On Saturday, April 26, the Women's Ministries of the Rocky Mount District met at the Ebenezer P.H. Church in Nashville, NC, for their annual district rally. Local WM Director Mrs. Mary Etta Batchelor welcomed everyone. The Trinity P.H. Church Praise Team and Rocky Mount District Director Mrs. Carol Davis led Praise and Worship. NCWM Assistant Director Mrs. Janice Marshburn gave a timely message on "Queen of Hearts." Each WM group attending the rally was requested to bring a door prize. Mrs. Betty Watson, WM director of the Thomas Chapel P.H. Women's Ministries, was crowned "Queen of Hearts." All the door prizes were given to her. After the program, we all enjoyed food and fellowship. Thank you, Carol, for a job well done!

Mrs. Betty Watson crowned "Queen of Hearts."

Girls' Ministries Week

September 14-20, 2003

- **Celebrate Girls' Ministries Day on Sunday, September 14, 2003**
- **Receive an offering on GM Day for General Girls' Ministries (send through your conference treasury)**
- **Plan a week of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth for your Missionettes**
- **Provide opportunities for girls to share God's plan for freedom through His Son, Jesus Christ**
- **Visit our website at www.iphc.org/wm/gms.html to learn more and download ideas for GM Week**

Sharing Sisters Riverside Dinner Meeting

Holly Hill Women's Ministries hosted their Sharing Sisters WM from Hodges Chapel Church at a June riverside dinner meeting. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Morris at Camp Leach. Mrs. Morris is a former WM director and active member of the Holly Hill Church. They enjoyed a devotion given by Mrs. Joy Bowers, Holly Hill WM director. A delicious chicken salad plate was enjoyed from tables decorated in patriotic motif. Following the meal, a rain shower sent the ladies inside, where they enjoyed a time of fun, fellowship, and dessert. As a closing activity, the ladies gave prayer requests and joined together in prayer.

Joy Bowers captures the attention of the ladies as she gives a very animated devotion.

Retired missionary Louise Smith (far right) was among the Hodges Chapel WM ladies. Both young and older, and all in between, enjoyed the food and fellowship at this Sharing Sisters event.

World Intercession Network

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"Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever"

Falcon Camp Meeting has always emphasized the full gospel message: salvation, sanctification, Pentecost, divine healing, and the second coming of Christ. This year was no exception. We had times of singing, praying, worshiping, and preaching. It was a time of miracles and joy as the Lord was celebrated.

One of the special events during camp meeting was morning prayer in the Octagon Tabernacle and evening prayer in the Training Center. Pastors, church members, evangelists, missionaries, WIN captains, and members of the NC Conference Board gathered and sought God's presence, anointing, direction, and outpouring. Many led these times of prayer, through praying the Word, pouring out their hearts, singing, praying in tongues, crying out, weeping, moments of joy and laughter, times of silence, intercession, and the giving and receiving of a prophetic word. What a powerful time in the Lord as the body of Christ joined together in prayer and sought Him.

During our times of prayer and intercession, these passages of scripture were given to us by the Holy Spirit as a special message. They were Isaiah 9:6 and 12:1-6, Jeremiah 2:13, and Matthew 8:5-10.

His Name

Isaiah 9:6 – "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called **Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."**

Jehovah God Is My Salvation, Strength, Song

Isaiah 12:1-6 – "And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou cormfortedst me. Behold, God ***is*** my **salvation**; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and ***my*** **song**; he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

Not Forsaking the Fountain of Living Water

Jeremiah 2:13 – "For my people have committed two evils; they have **forsaken** me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, **broken cisterns**, that can hold no water."

God's Authority: Go – Come – Do

Matthew 8:5-10 – "And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: I say to this man, **Go**, and he goeth; and to another, **Come**, and he cometh; and to my servant, **Do** this. And he doeth it.

"When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

(Note that emphasis has been added)

I believe that as we meditate on the scriptures that the Holy Spirit gave during our prayer time at Camp Meeting, we must realize that that same message came forth through all of our special Speakers. God was confirming His word, heart, and desire over and over again.

It's All About Him – The Holy One of Israel!

My prayer is that the body of Christ would continue seeking Him in times of fasting, prayer, intercession, praise, and the reading and studying of His Word. knowing that at the end we will know Him the one and only true God.

Thank you for taking the time to come and be part of the prayer movement in the NC Conference called WIN; may God richly bless you.

We serve an unchanging God, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

WORLD INTERCESSION NETWORK 2003
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PRAYER CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2003

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KNOWING HIM

"When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek."

–Psalms 27:8

Featured Speakers

Rev. Charles Boyd, CEM Director
Educating God's People to Pray

Rev. Kelly Clark, Dunn IPHC
Young People Need to Pray

Rev. Rodney Hall, Clinton IPHC
Praise Is a Form of Prayer & Spiritual Warfare

Rev. Janice Marshburn, NCWM Board
A Woman of Prayer

Rev. Lydia Figueroa, WIN Director
Knowing Him / A Man of Prayer

Rev. & Mrs. Luis Avila, Greenville IPHC
La Oracion Es Necesaria en Tu Vida

Agenda

Registration / Refreshments 8:30 – 8:45 A.M.

Praise & Worship 8:45 – 9:15 A.M.
Rev. Rodney Hall

Welcome / Greeting 9:15 – 9:30 A.M.
Rev. Lydia Figueroa
Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

General Session 9:30 – 10:15 A.M.
Rev. Lydia Figueroa, NC WIN Director

Breakout I 10:15 – 11:00 A.M.

Fellowship / Snacks 11:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Breakout II 11:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

Breakout III 12:15 – 1:00 P.M.

Breakout IV 1:00 – 1:45 P.M.

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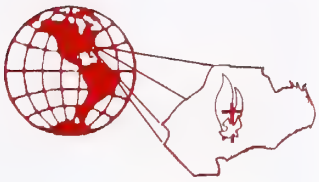

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Abide and Produce FRUIT

Pastor Lydia & Miguel Figueroa

Before the Holy Spirit imparted the vision of becoming a church planter, prayer meetings and teachings were being held in our home for over twenty years. Prayer, intercession; and teaching were where I felt called and appointed. Little did I know that God was grooming me for something more. So out of these times of teaching and intercessory prayer, a church was birthed. The Abiding In Him Ministries was not just an idea of man, but the heart of the Father.

One morning as I was awakened, I heard a soft voice speak a word into my spirit. He said, "Abide." I didn't fully understand what this meant. So I proceeded to search the Word, and the Holy Spirit led me to the book of John. For an entire year I studied the book of John; in chapter 15 the full revelation of Abiding In Him became a reality. I began to understand what true abiding in Christ meant. God began to reveal the plans and purposes He desired. His plans were clear; He wanted me to be more of a multiplier and a producer of who He is. The heart of the Father is for me to be a multiplier and to teach others to be multipliers of the fruit, more fruit, much fruit, and that it remain.

In February 2000 with the team of four others (Jose, Edmee, Joshua, and Jessica), we proceeded to start a Sunday service in the home of the Delgado family. We continued to meet in church homes for close to two years. One Sunday we decided to celebrate Friend Day. We were asked to invite friends and family to our Sunday service, and after the service everyone was to cook a meal for them or invite them out to eat. We had forty-seven people that Sunday, which was a great time of celebration. Some sat and others stood as I preached from the hallway because there was no room. To God be the glory! We immediately understood that it was time to move on and find a new location to house the ministry. This presented a great challenge since we had only three families, and our financial support was very little. We continued visiting door-to-door and passing out fliers at different shopping centers. We went out on Tuesday for Evangelism Explosion, passed out tracts, and made many telephone calls.

The power of God was very evident in our Sunday services. We were experiencing many salvations, rededicated lives, healings taking place, marriages being reconciled, some being baptized, others receiving communion for the first time, prison doors opening for ministry, and some being set free. We also had special times of fasting and prayer, communion services, teen gatherings, and adult fellowship time.

In 2001 eight more families were added to the ministry, and many challenges came along with it. God is always faithful, and His presence would continually be felt in all services and teaching time. We also opened up three more home cells where Bible teaching and mentoring took place.

During this time of growth, God had already given me the mission and vision statement of our church plant. I was to mentor leaders and pour into them the heart of the Father. The mission and vision had to be imparted and birthed in the heart of every leader. After our first Sunday service, a mentoring program immediately began. I also scheduled times of prayer and fasting; washing of the feet and communion were also a part of the process, which the Lord was requiring of us as a team.

Our mission includes servanthood, evangelism, discipleship, teaching, mentoring, prayer, praise and worship, preparing believers for spiritual warfare, equipping, and helping others acknowledge their giftings, calling, and making sure that they are ready for the second coming of Christ.

Our vision is to compel all nations and people of every race, color, or creed to come to the full knowledge of Jesus. By "Abiding in Him" (John 15:4) all believers will then mature, grow, and multiply in bearing forth the fruit of Jesus Christ.

It became more and more challenging as we continued to press forward to take a giant step in finding a place to house the ministry. The location in the city, the right building, and the cost would take a

Pastor Lydia and Miguel Figueroa
Rosaida, Edmee, and Jose (mentored leaders)

great leap of faith. At this time we knew that only through fasting and prayer could this be accomplished. The word of God says in 1 Thessalonians 5:24, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it," and in Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Also in 2 Timothy 1:12, "For I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day." We then proceeded to move by faith in reaching our next goal.

After seeking the Father's heart, in April 2002 we found the location where our church would be temporarily housed. The building was perfect for the first stage of the Abiding In Him church plant, even though we had many concerns about the location of the building because it would not be visible to the community or anyone passing by. We decided to erect a large wooden cross that would mark the spot and claim the territory. We know this is the perfect place to house the ministry because of the awesome presence and aroma of the Spirit of God in this place. We have no doubt that God has sent us to that side of the city of Fayetteville. Over two hundred people have visited our new location, and we have close to eighteen families in our church. We now have Sunday school, Sunday service, Tuesday evangelism and teen services, Wednesday discipleship, and Sunday night mentoring program. We give God the praise!

God has blessed us with His awesome presence and favor. The church body is growing and maturing as His Spirit leads and guides. We also have a choir director and four teachers who have gone through the mentoring program for three years and are producing fruit for the kingdom and His glory.

The Abiding in Him Family

Now in 2003 we are in the process of enlarging our sanctuary by tearing down walls and placing new walls to create more space. We have started a new mentoring group and are also training new teachers. Three of the leaders will begin the school of ministry in August. The foundation of the church is strong and secure. The church family has now accepted the mission and vision as part of their own life and calling. We are very excited about the future.

We are now prayerfully considering obtaining some land in order to construct our church building and house our school of the Spirit. This school will teach and mentor others to bear the fruit of Christ in their lives by multiplying and producing the fruit of Christ that will remain.

I thank the Lord at all times for His faithfulness, mercy, and grace, not only in my life but also in the lives of those who have become part of the body of Christ at the Abiding In Him Church. We have seen His abundant love towards us in these last three years of church planting. How exciting, challenging, and rewarding it has been to see the hand of God over our city and community! I also want to thank Superintendent Chris Thompson, the North Carolina Conference, and its Board members for their prayers, support, and believing in the vision of this ministry.

The cross claiming the territory

Missions F.E.S.T.S. 2003

Foreign Evangelism Strategy Training

Thursday, Oct. 23 – New Bern – The Berne Restaurant – 6:30 P.M.

Speaker: Steve Cofer, Mobilization Coordinator, World Missions, IPHC

Steve will be speaking on "Missions Foundations."

Friday, Oct. 24 – Williamston – Cobbs Restaurant – 6:30 P.M.

Speaker: Steve Cofer

Saturday, Oct. 25 – Falcon – Cafeteria Training Center – 8:30 A.M.

Speakers: Steve Cofer, Cecille Booth

Cecille is Local Church Missions Director, Northwood Temple PHC.

She will be speaking on "Coordinating Missions Trips."

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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Congratulations are in order for two young men from the North Carolina Conference who were recently selected as the 2003 National Rangers of the Year.

We are very proud of Trailblazer Jonathan Stutts from Outpost #46, the Whitley Church, Goldsboro District, and his accomplishment. Jonathan is a young man who is very service oriented and has received awards for his community involvement. He is a recipient of the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Jonathan has this to say about Royal Rangers: "It has taught me to serve God with all my heart. It has encouraged me to be faithful to our Lord and to obey without delay. It has helped me worship and fellowship with Christ, who is awesomely worthy of all honor and praise. It has shown me who God really is and how all things must line up with the Word of God. According to Jeremiah 29:11-14, it says, 'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord.' God promises that he has a plan for me, and every Ranger's life. The question is, am I willing to work to be ready for God's plan? Royal Rangers ministry is the ultimate teaching and training tool for becoming a man, full of godly wisdom and equipped for leadership in our world."

We are also very proud of Challenger Matthew Walston from Outpost #1, Northwood Temple, Fayetteville District, also a Gold Medal of Achievement recipient.

Matthew is involved in many varsity sports and is grateful for the opportunity that Rangers has afforded him. He says, "If the purpose of Royal Rangers is to reach, teach, and keep boys like myself for Jesus Christ, then this ministry has succeeded. Royal Rangers has taken me out of everyday society and taught me everything a young Christian boy should know. This program has introduced me to many new friends, shown me great leaders, and brought me much closer to God. Not only has it done this; it has also brought me closer to my church and family.

"The most important thing about Royal Rangers is to teach boys about Jesus Christ. I have learned so much about my Lord from Royal Rangers. This has been so rewarding in my life. I have learned of how Jesus loved me so much that he died for me on the cross. I also have learned that since I have accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior, I will one day go and spend eternity with him. I was always raised in a Christian environment and in the church, but I believe Royal Rangers was the key to showing me what a Christian really meant, not just being good and kind to others but accepting Christ as my Lord and Savior.

"I value and treasure Royal Rangers. This program has introduced me to the world and more. I have learned so much through this ministry. I hope to continue reaping blessings from the program, and I hope to pass on the knowledge and love that has been given to me to everyone I meet."

Congratulations
2003 NC Conference National Talent & Bible Quest Winners

National Talent Quest

CATEGORY		PARTICIPANT(S) NAME	PLACED
1.1	Vocal Solo - Female	Danielle Harris	1st
1.2	Vocal Solo - Male	Michael Bartlett	Honorable Mention
2.1	Vocal/Instrumental (Individual)	Rebekah Todd	Honorable Mention
2.2	Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble	Chosen Generation Praise Band	Honorable Mention
3.1	Vocal Ensemble (Duets, Trios, Quartets)	Northwood Temple Quartet	3rd
3.2	Vocal Ensemble (Min. 5/Max 12)	Culbreth Memorial Ensemble	1st
3.3	Vocal Ensemble (Min. 13/No Max)	Youth In Covenant	2nd
4.1	Instrumental Solo (Wind)	Jonathan Jones	3rd
4.2	Instrumental Solo (Strings-Bowed)	Chris Moran	2nd
4.3	Instrumental Solo (Strings-Plucked)	Brett Phillips	3rd
4.4	Instrumental Solo Def. Pitch Percussion	Blake Todd	1st
4.5	Instrumental Solo Indef. Pitch Percussion	Miles Devane	Honorable Mention
5.1	Instrumental Ensemble (Duets, Trios, Quartets)	Matt & Darren Coleman	lst
5.2	Instrumental Ensemble (Min. 5/No Max)	Youth In Covenant	3rd
6.1	Keyboard – Solo	Julie Price	1st
7.1	Communication Arts (Speech)	Brittney Norton	Honorable Mention
7.2	Communication Arts (Short Sermon)	Chris Edwards	3rd
7.3	Comm. Arts (Audible) Individual	Ryan Songer	1st
7.4	Comm. Arts (Audible) 2 or More	Oddities	2nd
7.6	Comm. Arts (Inaudible Mime) 2 or More	Youth Quake Drama Team	Honorable Mention
7.7	Comm. Arts (Inaudible Pantomime) Individual	Audrey Smith	3rd
7.8	Comm. Arts (Inaudible Pantomime) 2 Or More	DEW	Honorable Mention
7.9	Comm. Arts (Interpretive Dance-Classical) Individual	Candace Pittman	1st
7.10	Comm. Arts (Interpretive Dance-Classical) 2 or More	Ashley & Susan	1st
7.11	Comm. Arts (Interpretative Dance-Contemporary) Individual	Laura Scott	Honorable Mention
7.12	Comm. Arts (Interpretative Dance-Contemporary) 2 or More	Soul Steppers	Honorable Mention
8.2	Creative Arts – Graphics	Anna Deihl	Honorable Mention
8.3	Creative Arts – Three-Dimensional Art	Matthew Bowie	3rd
8.4	Creative Arts – Photography	Melissa Dunning	1st
8.5	Creative Arts – Fabricated Art	Anna Whitfield	2nd
8.7	Creative Arts – Web-Site Design	Zach Anderson	3rd
9.1	Creative Writing – Non-Fiction	Christy Reich	Honorable Mention
9.2	Creative Writing – Fiction	Tres Tew	3rd
9.3	Creative Writing – Poetry	Christopher Shaw	3rd
10.1	Video	New Creation	Honorable Mention

National Bible Quest

CATEGORY	PARTICIPANT (S) NAME	PLACED
Masters	Culbreth Memorial	1st

National Royal Ranger of the Year

CATEGORY	PARTICIPANTS NAME	PLACED
Trailblazer	Jonathan Stutts	1st
Challenger	Matthew Walston	1st

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BECAUSE YOU HAVE HIDDEN THESE THINGS
FROM THE WISE AND LEARNED,
AND REVEALED THEM TO LITTLE CHILDREN."
- MATTHEW 11:25 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Pastors (Preachers) Need Each Other!

I grew up on a farm. It was a good life, full of many lessons. One such lesson was that families need each other. Everyone on a farm had his chores. Everyone worked. Yet at times the work was more than one family could do. Harvest time would bring many families together in order to bring in that seasonal harvest. The harvest could not be saved otherwise. The same is true for the church.

Church workers need each other. Within a church, members must work together in order to fulfill the Lord's mission for that fellowship. The writer to the Hebrews was specific in that members were "not [to] forsake the assembling together." Paul instructed the church at Corinth that they were "laborers together with God" (2 Cor. 6:1).

Luke describes the success of the early church as souls were being added to the church daily as they were saved (Acts 2:47). Earlier he described the church as a place where members "continued stedfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Relationships and good fellowship are crucial to the success of the church. The root New Testament definition of *fellowship* is sharing in common. The same principles apply to clergy.

I was blessed thirty-two years ago when I entered the ministry by having several older ministers impress upon me the importance of fellowship. I was instructed to attend the district meetings, attend the fellow church revivals, attend conference functions, work at youth camp, meet weekly with other pastors, pray with other pastors, share with other pastors, and the list went on. It was great advice. It was put into practice.

Pastors and preachers need each other. A threefold cord is not easily broken. A single cord can easily be weakened and broken. One might put a thousand to flight, but two can put ten thousand. The lesson is clear. There is victory in working together.

A clear signal of danger and defeat is shown when clergy practice isolation. The enemy moves in.

Deceptive attacks begin. The clergyperson turns inward. He becomes critical against others. His ministry and preaching are affected. He refuses to accept constructive criticism. He is a wreck looking for a place to happen.

This principle is even multiplied greatly for the preacher's spouse. The spouse is placed in an even more dangerous position than the minister. The preacher can at least be strengthened by the "anointing" during the preaching. This luxury is not afforded the spouse.

Pastors (preachers) who practice fellowship with their leaders and peers rarely fall. Dangers are identified. Course corrections are made. Encouragement washes over and fills a multitude of failures. Shortcomings become but stepping-stones..

Such a fellowship is even more important for the older clergy and younger clergy. In later years (post-retirement) many older clergy fail to attend meetings, etc. Such failure to participate is not only a source of hurt for them, but even more so for the younger clergy. Younger clergy members need the wisdom and experience of the older. They can receive such help only by establishing relationships. Relationships are birthed and fed through fellowship.

This fall there are many opportunities provided for fellowship. These must be made a priority. Sacrifices will have to be made. They are not only *important* to the well being of the clergy. They are *imperative*. Lives and the kingdom are at stake.

In September, District Conferences have been held. In October (13 - 16), there is a National Pastors School in nearby Nashville, Tennessee. An excellent schedule has been prepared by the Bishop and his staff. In October, there are Missions F.E.S.T.s. In November, there is a WIN conference and an Archives conference. In November, there is Harvest Train. In December, district Christmas parties. Throughout the fall there will be district MPM meetings with the clergy and spouses and Betty and me. These are great times for fellowship. In addition to all these conference-sponsored events, each district will be sponsoring prayer fellowships, MWF meetings, etc.

Fellowship is one of those blessings where there is all to gain and nothing to lose. May the importance be seen by all.

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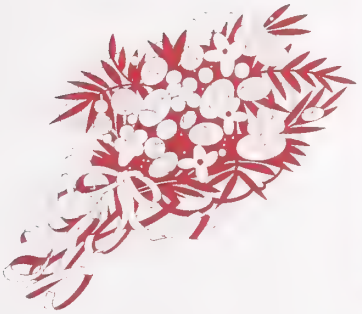
Rev. Samuel J. Williams
April 16, 1920 - August 13, 2003

Rev. Samuel J. Williams (Sammy) died early Wednesday morning, August 13, 2003. The funeral was conducted Friday, August 15, 11 a.m. at Wilkerson Funeral Chapel, Greenville. Burial followed in Pinewood Memorial Park.

It was my joy to assist in the funeral. Pastor Allen Mayo, pastor of the St. Paul church, opened the funeral with words of encouragement. Others participating in the service were all the nephews of brother Williams: Rev. Bobby Williams, Rev. David Butts, Rev. Jimmy Williams, Rev. Linsey Williams, Rev. Linwood Butts, and Rev. Chris Williams. It was a powerful service. Rev. Wiley Clark, representing the superannuated ministers, assisted at the grave.

Brother Williams, a native of Pitt County, attended Holmes Bible College. He began pastoring in 1943, soon after his marriage to Clara P. Williams. He pastored several Pentecostal Holiness Churches: Goshen-St. Matthews, Farmville, Scotland Neck, Raleigh, Whiteville, Goldsboro, Kinston, and Greenville. From 1962 to 1965, he served as director of Evangelism for the North Carolina Conference. He organized and assisted in organizing 19 churches.



In 1965, he moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to serve as a field representative of the Endowment Program of Oral Roberts University. Continuing this work, he transferred back to Eastern North Carolina, living in Dunn for three years, and then transferred to Springfield, Missouri. In 1976, he moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and worked for the General Pentecostal Holiness Church, where he set up the Stewardship Program in the area of Deferred Giving. He directed this department for three years.

In 1979, Brother and Sister Williams returned to Greenville. They worked in Evangelism and conducted seminars relating to marriage and family. He retired from pastoring after pastoring Evangelistic Tabernacle in Greenville for 5 years.

Isaiah 3:10 gives a powerful statement for a servant of God: *"Say to the righteous that it will be well with them. For they shall eat the fruit of their doings."* Sammy Williams lived to enjoy the fruit of his faithful ministry both in his family and church world. Surviving is his wife, Clara; son, Roland Williams, and his wife, Joanne, of Greenville; daughter, Deborah Williams Riley, and her husband, Mike, of Awasso, Oklahoma.

Brother Williams remained in faithful ministry until the time of his death. He was currently a member of St. Paul Pentecostal Holiness Church and actively teaching the adult Sunday school class at the onset of his illness.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

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Rev. W. A. Crawford	October 3
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Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Recapture the Wonder

by Ravi Zacharias. Brentwood, TN: Integrity Publishers, 2003. 170 pages.

Ravi Zacharias, who speaks regularly at universities including Harvard, Princeton, and Cambridge, is well versed in the disciplines of comparative religions, cults, and philosophy, thus uniquely qualifying him to speak to those who are seeking the meaning of life and putting their own lives in proper perspective in terms of a Judeo-Christian

worldview. Recapturing the wonder of it all remains elusive for the person who leaves God out of the search.

The author attempts to delve deeply into the psyche of the reader by recalling the days of dreams and hopes when as a child one would look into the future with anticipation and wonder. The problem lies in the adult experience of the mundane and routine of life. It is so easy to lose the wonder of it all with meeting deadlines, paying bills, dealing with personal problems, striving to reach for the unreachable, and pursuing the elusive attainments of what may never be. Even Christmas doesn't seem to be what it used to be when you remember staying up late at night as a child on Christmas Eve because of the waiting gifts brought by "strangers" in the night. The author humorously offers four stages of life. "In the first stage we believe in Santa Claus. At the second stage we no longer believe in Santa Claus. The third stage is when we find out that we are Santa Claus. The fourth and final stage has arrived when we look like Santa Claus." Herein reposes the problem that no matter what stage in life you may identify with, sooner or later life returns to the common and the repetitive.

Plato advocated that the more a person knows, the less wonder he has. Advanced knowledge erodes the enchantment of life, in other words. But is this true? Is this as God created us: to admit that with greater ability to reason, the ability to wonder is lessened? Zacharias contends that "wonder is all around us, and it is God's will to fill us with that wonder that makes life enchanting and sacred." The older we become, the more it takes to the fill the heart with wonder. Only God is big enough to supply that need.

The problem is more direct and personal than one may think. For example, take pastors, who are often considered an endangered species. Perhaps there is a God-called man and his wife who have labored in small rural churches most of their adult lives. They poured themselves selflessly into the ministry. They gave all they had until the time of retirement. They received a dinner and a plate to commemorate their service. At home, after a few days and weeks, the phone doesn't ring as often. No one, it seems, needs them as much anymore. Life takes on new meaning, but at what cost? Does their importance to the Kingdom wane? Do they not deserve respect and recognition for lifelong service? Isn't it easy to ask, "Who are we now? No one needs us anymore. What's next?"

The sensible way to deal with such a dilemma is to acknowledge the reason for Christian service in the first place. If one serves because of God, then one serves with a purpose, and the labor is never in vain. If one serves for people only, the only reward is what the people have given in return for services rendered. Serving God never equals serving people, although when one serves Him, people are served. Never lose the wonder of being called by an infinite God into Christian service.

In this mad world in which we live, people seek new sensations and new thrills to help them cope with the madness of our times, and yet in desecrating self, the sensation is destroyed as well. This relentless cycle of ever-increasing desires with an ever-diminishing return is the result of sin. The pleasures of sin are momentary and temporary. Sinners must awaken to the fact that God is, and that life will never become what it was meant to be without God in the heart and life. The author argues that life has real meaning when the whole life is bound to the sacred.

The bottom line in recapturing the wonder is that wonder thrives as one communes with God in a spirit of constant gratitude based on truth, love, and full confidence in Him. God is the source of wonder: His name is Wonderful, meaning He is full of wonder. Wonder abounds in God because He is Wonderful. Doesn't the Cross possess a wondrous attraction about it? We sing about the wonder-working power of God through the blood of Jesus. God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm. Therefore, let us be thankful. "Gratitude," Zacharias writes, "fills the heart when the gift has been understood, and wonder fills the soul when gratitude is expressed to the fullest."

The Queen of Sheba proclaimed that the half was not told her of the true fame, wisdom, and fortune of King Solomon, and yet what grandeur and wonder awaits the glorified child of God when at last seeing the face of a greater than Solomon, the Lord Jesus, and transported to heaven to see all the prophesied splendor of that faraway northern land beyond the Milky Way. Heaven must be a beautiful place, but the true wonder of heaven will not be heaven, but the Creator and Ruler of heaven, God Himself. It's not the place so much as it is the Person that makes heaven heaven. As a fellow believer, I long for the day when we shall all see His blessed face and enjoy all that awaits us on yonder shore.

I heartily recommend this publication as a gift from the Christian to the sinner, who cannot help but be touched and convicted by the well-written and -chosen words of a seasoned apologist and author. It could very well become the means to an end of a wondrous conversion of some lost soul. Happy Reading!

News from Westmoreland PH Church Wilson, NC

On Sunday evening, August 17, Westmoreland PH Church in Wilson and Independence PH Church in Bailey held a joint service to baptize 26 people. There were 8 people from Independence baptized by Pastor Sidney Webb and 18 people from Westmoreland baptized by Pastor Jerry Nelson. Of the 18 from Westmoreland, 6 were young people, 3 were teenagers, and 9 adults followed the Lord in being baptized. Some of the adults were doing their first works over, and some have been saved recently, sanctified, and delivered from bondages of cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs. Before baptizing, there was anointed music by the Independence choir and special soloist. The praise team from Westmoreland also shared anointed music with the congregation, which was a capacity crowd. Pastors Sidney Webb and Jerry Nelson each shared from the Scriptures on water baptism. After the service, the Women's Ministry of Independence provided refreshments, and everyone shared in a great time of food and fellowship. God is moving in a wonderful way in our churches, and we praise Him for what He is doing at Westmoreland and Independence!

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Nelson, Pastor

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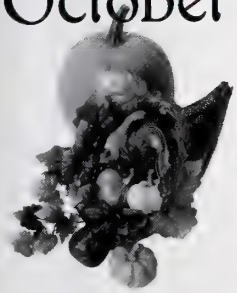
Patsy's Paragraphs

October



"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" (Psalm 118:6)

Dear Women of God:

Have you ever thought about how we divide things so that there's "*his side*" and then there's "*my side*"? In our bathroom at home, we have a double sink with a drawer in the center of the bathroom counter. In this drawer I have neatly placed small baskets to keep "Mr. Henry's" stuff on his side and, of course, "my stuff" on my side.

A few weeks ago I was in Falcon for Camp Meeting. When I returned home, I pulled open the drawer, and "Mr. Henry" had been looking for something. It was very obvious because *all the stuff* was in a mess! The neat little baskets were not exactly the way I had left them. "Mr. Henry" proceeded to tell me that he knew what he was looking for was in there somewhere, so he pulled himself up a chair and went through all the baskets. Of course, my first thought was, "Why were you on my side?" He was on a mission, and it really didn't matter whose side it was on.

The Lord has taught me a lesson about that little incident. We don't need to be divided or choosing sides. If we are a child of the King, He is on our side, and we shouldn't let anything come between us and all that the Lord has in store for us, and I believe the Lord has great things planned for Women's Ministries! There are real needs all around us, and the Lord is wanting to use us to be that arm extended. Will you reach out and touch someone today?

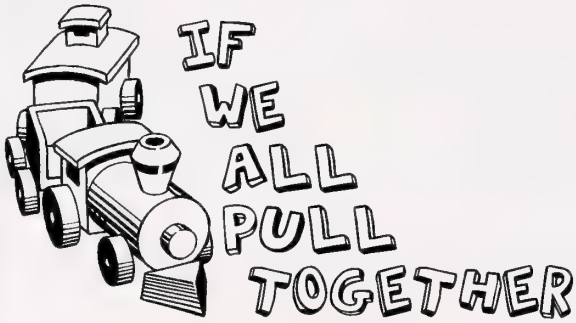
By the way, you may be wondering whether "Mr. Henry" found what he was looking for. Yes, he did, and it also gave me an opportunity to clean out the drawer.

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Sharing Sister News from Westmoreland PH Church Wilson, NC

On Tuesday evening, August 5, the Women's Ministries of Westmoreland and the Women's Ministries of Friendship PH Church in Wilson came together to share fun and fellowship as "Sharing Sisters." Rose Boyd was our special guest speaker, and she shared the vision of Operation Teaching Tools with her audience. She publicly thanked the Westmoreland ladies for their contribution of $500 toward the project. Also Rose shared a little humor from a book by Barbara Johnson, *Between Estrogen and Death*. She kept the audience in stitches. Laughter is good like a medicine, the Word tells us. The Westmoreland WM is going to make another $250 donation to Operation Teaching Tools and is challenging all of the Women's Ministries groups in the N.C. Conference to consider making a similar contribution. God will bless you!

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Nelson
Westmoreland Church



HARVEST TRAIN 2003

November 25, 2003

We need your help in promoting Harvest Train this fall. This is our time to give to the Children's Home.

Please mark this date on your calendar. To the right is a picture from Living Faith Fellowship in Rocky Mount. The Women's Ministries director, Barbara Bishop, contacted Brother Long at the Children's Home to see what the children needed. They were told the children needed backpacks for traveling. Fifty bags were donated. What a great idea!

Living Faith van with 50 backpacks!

NCWM DISTRICT DIRECTORS TRAINING

This was held on Saturday, August 2, at Holt's Lake Restaurant in Smithfield. District directors were given ample time to discuss activities and interaction they have had with Women's Ministries in their district. We were honored to have General W.M. Executive Director Mrs. Jewelle Stewart and General W.M. Assistant Director Mrs. Linda M. Thomas join us. They each led a "brainstorming" session to get input for the Task Force Committee that is presently studying Women's Ministries.

Our district directors are doing an outstanding job! Thank you for allowing them to serve you. For your convenience I'm listing the district directors:

- Clinton District - Mrs. Westa Barefoot
- Fayetteville District - Mrs. Kathy Duszynski
- Goldsboro District - Mrs. JoAnn Blackmon
- Greenville District - Mrs. Yvonne Jones
- Lumberton District - Mrs. Terri Hodge
- Morehead City District - Mrs. Gale Taylor
- New Bern District - Anne Willis
- Raleigh District - N/A
- Rocky Mount District - Mrs. Barbara Bishop
- Williamston District - Mrs. Rose Hubbard
- Wilmington District - Mrs. Jackie Thompson
- Wilson District - Mrs. Darnell Nelms

General W.M. Executive Director, Mrs. Jewelle Stewart

General W.M. Assistant Director, Mrs. Linda M. Thomas

Dottie Baker

WILSON DISTRICT RALLY

Saturday, May 31, sixty-one Wilson District ladies enjoyed some fun, fellowship, and food. The Women's Ministries from Shiloh P.H.C. hosted the Hawaiian Luau Brunch from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Mrs. Dottie Baker, the W.M. director from Thompson Chapel, coordinated the registration and door prize gifts. Mrs. Teresa Nelson, pastor's wife from Westmoreland Church, organized and set up the festive decorations. Mrs. Judy Deans, W.M. director from Living Waters, catered the creatively arranged nourishments that we fed to our bodies. Mrs. Sandy Wood, the pastor's wife from Shiloh P.H. Church, then served our spiritual food. Sister Wood gently stirred our hearts and yet strongly encouraged us to "PUSH" our way through life. In reminding us that sometimes life gets tough, Sister Wood illustrated that it is to our best benefit to "Pray Until Something Happens"; and then when we pray, something will happen either to the situation or to us. Sister Wood also gave each of the ladies a hand-decorated magnet to help remind us to "PUSH." We appreciate everyone who participated in this District Rally. All had a great time!

Submitted by,
Darnell Nelms
Wilson District Director

MLTC Registration Form

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Ladies Attending

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I See Ice Cream!

Sometimes we get so caught up in life, we can have "tunnel" vision. We get used to looking at things pretty much one way: our way! It never hurts to step back and get a fresh perspective on life. I like this story I received as an email:

Thank God for Children Saying Grace...

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads, he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart," the man replied. Then in a theatrical whisper he added, indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing, "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman.

With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already." (author not noted)

If you were a character in the story, who would you be? The nosy, critical woman? The encouraging parent? The kind, wise elderly gentleman? Or the generous, forgiving child who reached out in a way most grownups would never think of?

Jesus said in Luke 18:16-17, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God **as a little child** shall in no wise enter therein."

May we be men of God who don't rely on our own vision, but seek to look through the eyes of Christ. May we never forget our Savior's admonition so we may have the heart of a child when it comes to interacting with others. May we be quick to forgive and reach out to those who have hurt us and look at their need instead of our own. And ...

May We Always Eat Ice Cream!

Submitted by Tommy Goff
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The Heart of a Leader

"The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

The choosing of a leader, according to the Word of God, wholly depends upon the heart of the person. It is not because of potential, ability, talent, appearance, popularity, nor because the person has it all together. God seeks for a person after His own heart.

God sees and knows the heart of man. And God wants man to seek and know His heart.

Looking at the Word of God, we find different kinds of leaders: those that succeeded and those that failed. Let us now take a look at two leaders with different leadership styles.

The first one we'll look at is Saul.
Leadership ruled by a man's heart.

Saul's asked for or demanded the son of Kish, and the first King of Israel (1 Samuel 9 – 11). When the people of Israel asked for a king, God gave them Saul, and everyone expected him to be a great leader. But the people looked at his outer appearance while God looked at his heart. It wasn't long before Saul, a man of power and potential, discredited himself and his leadership. No man among Bible men had so many chances thrust upon him to make a success of life, and no man ever so missed them. Saul not only missed great opportunities; he deliberately abused them.

Saul's Leadership:

- He was anointed and filled with the Spirit (1 Sam. 11:6).
- In his early years he was humble and practiced self-control (1 Sam. 10:22, 27-11:13).
- Self will restricted his influence (1 Sam. 13:5, 12, 13).
- He became disobedient and was guilty of rash vows (1 Sam. 15:11-23).
- He became jealous (1 Sam. 18:8-19:1).
- He patronized the superstition he had forbidden (1 Sam. 28:7).

Saul was a man who lost his kingdom, relationship, and vision of God. It wasn't long before Saul, a man of power and potential, discredited himself and his leadership; and God chose a new leader in his place.

The second one we'll look at is David
Leadership ruled after God's own heart.

David's Leadership:

- David was anointed by God (1 Sam. 16:1-13).
- David was beloved.
- He was the second and greatest of Israel's kings (1 Sam. 16:1; 2 Sam. 2:4).
- He was known as a man after God's own heart.
- He was chosen as Israel's second king by God Himself (1 Sam. 16:1, 12, 13; 2 Sam. 5).
- In his youth he was trained to tend sheep (1 Sam. 16:11).
- He was not brought into public notice, yet it pleased God to raise him from a low estate and set him upon the throne.
- He was a warrior, courageous and a great soldier (1 Sam. 17:40 - 2 Sam. 5:7).
- He had no reliance upon his own powers (1 Sam. 17:45-47).
- He gave God the glory for his victories.
- He was a musician, the sweet psalmist of Israel.
- The general trend of his life was spiritual (1 Sam. 13:14 - 1 Kings 15:5).

He was the man according to God's special choice. His psalms of praise, worship, and meditation indicate the God-ward direction of his life. He stained his character by his sin, but his reaction to it was to repent sorrowfully.

David tried to become a better leader by adoration, confession, and thanksgiving. Yet Saul demonstrated no sorrow nor repentance, neither sought to have fellowship with God.

Both had the choice to change and grow!

Saul's attitude hindered him because of his reliance on self instead of God. David became a better leader after so many experiences because he depended on and loved God.

We can choose to learn from the examples of these leaders if we want to reach our full potential and become the leaders God would have us to be. We need to recognize Him by bowing our knees in prayer, reading His word, and attending sessions that will help us to change and grow more like Him.

On November 1, 2003, will be a great opportunity to enlarge our knowledge about prayer and be a leader after God's own heart. Listed below is the information:

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2003
TRAINING CENTER, FALCON, NC
8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Four Breakout Sessions
SPEAKERS:
Rev. Charles Boyd, Rev. Kelly Clark, Rev. Rodney Hall,
Rev. Janice Marshburn, Rev. and Mrs. Luis Avila, Rev. Lydia Figueroa
Prayer in Octagon Tabernacle, October 31, 2003, 7:30 P.M.
Overnight stay available; please call for information.
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Ricki Moore
19 coin cards
won a Bible

Senior Citizen
Mary Lee, age 87
4 cards

Praise the Lord, and thank you for helping us meet and surpass our conference goal of $275,000. If you have not sent your offering or pledge in, you still have time to do so.

The following article from the Rehoboth Church tells ways they raised their offering:

Methods Rehoboth Church Used to Raise "GO Offering"

Rehoboth P. H. Church gave $1,851 for our missions "GO" offering. We had some interesting ways of raising our offering.

Pastor Jimmy Williams donated two Bibles to be given away: one for the youngest to age 19, and one for age 19 and up who filled the most coin folders. Ricki Moore filled nineteen coin folders; she received a nice Bible. Sharon Scott filled nine coin folders and also received a nice Bible. Lauren Webb filled seven folders, and Foster Peaks filled six. The oldest senior citizen, Mrs. Mary Lee, age 87, filled four coin folders. ***You are never too young or too old to do something for God***. There were six other senior citizens who filled some folders.

Sharon Scott
9 coin cards
won a Bible

We had some ties and had fun breaking the ties. The youth took a bag and collected all the quarters they could in Sunday school, and the older ones who tied took up paper money only. Two ladies who tied took up any change they could. We raised $264 in just a few minutes, broke all the ties, and had a lot of fun doing this.

At Rehoboth, we receive an offering the first Sunday in each month for our missions. We praise God for helping us raise our offering, and thank each one who helped us.

Lorena Williams,
Rehoboth Church Missions

Some of the ones who filled coin cards (not all are in this picture).

Missions F.E.S.T.S 2003

Foreign Evangelism Strategy Training

Thursday, Oct. 23 – New Bern – The Berne Restaurant – 6:30 P.M.
Speaker: Steve Cofer, Mobilization Coordinator, World Missions, IPHC
Steve will be speaking on "Missions Foundations."

Friday, Oct. 24 – Williamston – Cobbs Restaurant – 6:30 P.M.
Speaker: Steve Cofer

Saturday, Oct. 25 – Falcon – Culbreth Fellowship Hall – 8:30 A.M.
Speakers: Steve Cofer, Cecille Booth
Cecille is Local Church Missions Director, Northwood Temple PHC.
She will be speaking on "Coordinating Missions Trips."

Hispanic Mission F.E.S.T.s
Friday, Nov. 7
Falcon Cafeteria Training Center – 7:00 P.M.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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UPDATE FROM JON OLIVER

Let me start by introducing myself. I am married to Nicole Harless Oliver. We have two boys, Coley (5) and Cade (16 months). We are serving as youth pastor at St. Paul Church in Greenville. We look forward to serving this conference as conference youth pastor. We are totally excited about the many opportunities that we will have in this capacity.

Wow! What a summer! It all started with Falcon Youth Camp. God moved in a powerful way in many young people's lives Senior Week with our National Youth Pastor, Steve Ely. I have been several years to Senior Week, but this was my first year of Junior Week. Rev. Terry Whittenton did a phenomenal job delivering powerful and relevant messages to the 10- to 12-year-olds.

Youth Quest in Chattanooga was a hoot. There were powerful worship, anointed messages, and young people who desire a move of God. What a combination!

Youth Night of Falcon Camp Meeting was nothing short of amazing. Rev. Chap Chappel and Harvest Outreach Ministries (who will be the speaker at the next Gathering in February) led in worship, and Tony Miller delivered a timely message.

On August 31, 2003, the Gathering was held at the Whitley Pentecostal Holiness Church. Soulstar, an up and rising group, led in worship. The Big "O," Keith Oneal, delivered a message entitled "I Am Not the Son of Pharaoh's Daughter" that touched young people's hearts. God moved, and young people were at the altar worshiping, praying, and seeking God's face.

Then came September 5-7, 2003, "Fresh Fire." Rev. Charles Boyd and Rev. Kelley Clark (youth pastor at Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn and cofounder of Fresh Fire) did an outstanding job in preparation and planning. There were a record number of teenagers for Fresh Fire 2003 in Falcon. It all kicked off with Sam Glenn. Sam is a motivational speaker who uses comedy and chalk art to captivate and relay the most important message. Rev. Richard Crisco (former youth pastor at Brownsville Assembly of God who is currently president of their school of ministry) spoke three times on Saturday. Young people heard the Word delivered three times on Saturday. How awesome is that? Rev. Crisco spoke about "Things Are Not as They Seem" on Saturday morning. I believe his three main points are worth noting:

1. Those who seem to be uninterested in Jesus really are.
2. Those who seem to be getting away with sin really are not.
3. Those who seem to be "on fire for God" may not be!

All were charged and challenged to get real with God and be all God intended each to be. What a weekend.

We would love to have you at all these events that are planned for you. If I can be of any assistance, don't hesitate to contact me at 252.752.5773. I look forward to serving to the best of my ability.

Jon

It's time for the Second Primetimers Retreat.

This year our dates are November 13-15, 2003. We will leave from Falcon on Thursday morning at 7 a.m. and return to Falcon Saturday night, November 15, at 8 p.m.

This year our journey will take us to the Smoky Mountains of Pigeon Forge, TN. On our way to Pigeon Forge, we will stop at the Biltmore Estates. It will be all decked for Christmas and should make great pictures. The scenic drive through the mountains of NC into TN, along with great fellowship on the bus, is reason alone to attend this retreat.

While in Pigeon Forge, we will check out these shows!

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"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."

–Psalm 69:30

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

ISABEL - A Time to Thank Him!?

What a title! Can we thank Him in the midst of the storm? The answer is an emphatic yes!

Curtis Hutson has published an excellent book on *Great Preaching on Thanksgiving*. It is an excellent book. Every Christian should read it. (Sword of the Lord Publishers, 1987).

The word "thanks" in one form or another is found some 140 times in the Bible.

David probably used it more times than any other Bible character. Paul, who lived continually in the spirit of thanksgiving, runs him a close second, for praise was as natural to him as breathing.

Paul was ever on the lookout to find some cause for gratitude. He sang in prison, his feet in the stocks, his wrists in chains. He sang in the storm, when the fierce Euroclydon tossed the little ship on mountainous waves, and every moment threatened disaster. When criticism and contempt were heaped upon him, and the cold shoulder was offered to his loving approaches, the spirit of praise and rejoicing never left him.

And Paul exhorted the churches not merely to give thanks sometimes but at all times - and for all things.

Jonah, being chastened of the Lord, voiced his thanks: "I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving."

And Christ is the personification of praise and thanks. He gave thanks for the bread and cup used in the Lord's Supper. On another occasion He prayed, "I thank thee, O Father.. because thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus prayed, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me." When Jesus took the five barley loaves and two fishes from the little boy in order to feed the multitude, He first gave thanks.

So giving thanks is not only taught by precept but also taught many times by the matchless example of Jesus.

We have been hit hard by a fierce storm, Isabel. Damage assessments are still coming in. Here are some of the early reports:

- Swan Quarter Church has been flooded and is probably lost. Mike Wheeler is pulling the building out from the pit of disaster.
- Oriental Church has been flooded.
- The fellowship hall and Sunday school rooms of the Lowland Church have been flooded.
- Maranatha Church, Beaufort, lost their steeple.
- Faith Church, Edenton, lost their steeple.
- New Vision Church, Hobucken, lost a storage shed (flooded) at the parsonage.
- Smyrna Church reports nineteen families severely affected by the storm. Eleven lost everything in the flood.
- Williamston parsonage was damaged.
- Lowland had several families flooded out.
- Many other families in the Edenton, Williamston, Ahoskie, and Roper areas have been affected and many displaced.

In the midst of all the damage and debris, there is hope and thankfulness. It could have been much worse. Our people are responding to the emergency. We have great people and a fantastic God!

The South Carolina Conference Mobile Feeding Kitchen is located at the Faith Church, Edenton. Some 2,250 meals were served on Monday after the storm, and some 2,915 on Tuesday. They will be in place at least another week. Volunteers from Faith and Kinston churches are assisting.

The Tarboro Church has sent volunteers to Edenton to cut trees, remove debris, etc. They carried supplies. The Smyrna Church ladies are working with the Red Cross to serve meals. A team of ladies from Culbreth Memorial, Falcon, journeyed to Smyrna to assist. Yes! There are many others who have assisted but who are not listed here. God and the people they have helped know!

Jack Kelley, National Disaster Relief coordinator, is to be praised. Bobby Williams, conference director, and Willis Pearson, assistant director, have done an excellent job in recruiting and coordinating. The conference DRUSA committee has worked faithfully. I am thankful! The Lord has given us special gifts in the form of people.

What can you do? First, pray and thank the Lord for His goodness and His gift of sacrificial laborers. Second, give financial gifts to DRUSA and mail to the NC Conference IPHC Office, P.O. Box 59, Falcon, NC 28342. Volunteer your services by contacting Bobby Williams, conference DRUSA director and Willis Pearson, assistant DRUSA director.

I thank the Lord not for Isabel directly, but for what has happened since Isabel - Praise His Name!

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Laura Lynette Winboune Mosley
August 23, 1928 - September 12, 2003

Rev. Lynette Mosley heard a call early Friday morning, September 12, to join her Master. She did. She had received earlier calls. One was to be saved. "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?" (John 25:26) She believed and was saved. Hence, when she left us on that morning, she went into His presence. She was saved in 1947 at the Vaughan's Chapel Church.

She heard another call and joined the NC Conference in 1957. In a day when women ministers and pastors were not readily accepted, she labored faithfully. She had heard Him speak. "Therefore, my beloved, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). "Her meat was to do the will of Him that sent her and to accomplish His work" (John 4:34).

She served seven years as an evangelist and twenty-two years as a pastor. She pastored eight churches. These were Black Creek, New Hope, Freemont, Vicks Chapel, Thompson Chapel, Spring Hope, Sims, and Riverside. She was on the radio for several years.

Here was a lady who was a faithful wife, mother, and preacher. For fifty-six years she was married to Robert T. Mosley, affectionately known as "Brother T." She is survived by her husband, daughter, Faye Bland, and son, Phil Mosley.

The celebration service was conducted Sunday, September 14, 2003, 3:00 p.m. at Joyner's Funeral Home, Wilson. Burial followed at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Those speaking at the service were Superintendent Chris Thompson, Jimmy Whitfield, T. E. Long, and Pastor Angel Padilla. Rev. Wiley Clark, Retired Ministers' director, presented a bronze medallion on behalf of the denomination at the graveside. It was a glorious service.

Lynette Mosley was a delightful person and energetic minister of the gospel. I first really met Lynette and "T" in November 1986 when they were starting the Riverside Church near Rocky Mount. I was the conference Evangelism director. It was a joy for me to work with them.

They blessed me as they had blessed so many others. She did love people. One Sunday she said, "Here at Riverside people can ride in, walk in, fly in, and boat in." She loved reaching people.

She also could put on the table a great chocolate cake and a mean mess of collards.

She will be loved and missed.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Rev. Emmett Turner	November 12
Rev. Mrs. Sue Parker	November 13
Rev. W.O. Foreman	November 26
Rev. Kenneth Autry	November 26
Rev. Wiley Vick	November 29
Rev. Tommy Spikes	December 5
Rev. Wiley Clark	December 15
Rev. Raymond Potter	December 18
Rev. Richard Parson	December 24

A Survivor's Story

My name is Michelle Collie. I attend Ebenezer PH Church in Nashville, NC. I know that there have been many prayers sent up for me all across this country; therefore, I would like to share my story with you.

At any age the word cancer is scary, especially when you are the one diagnosed. For those of you who are fellow survivors you know it hits you like a ton of bricks: you can't breathe, your mind races, and you are scared for yourself and your family. If not immediately, eventually the "what if's?" plague your mind. Well, for me, at 21 years of age, it was no different. I was shocked beyond belief, scared, and worried about my future.

I was diagnosed with colon cancer in April 2002. It was then I began my journey and battle for my life. After the diagnosis I had my first of three surgeries on May 3. In late May I found my way to the doctors at Chapel Hill because my condition never got any better after the first surgery. Tests were run, and after a complication I underwent an emergency surgery. My journey continued, and within a few weeks I began a regimen of radiation and chemotherapy. We made the long trip to Chapel Hill five days a week, for five-and-one-half weeks. However, it was not in God's will that my journey end there. I received the news in August 2002, just days before my 22nd birthday, that the cancer had metastasized and that the prognosis was not good. Within a few weeks, I began a more severe regimen of chemotherapy that would consume the next six months of my life. The chemotherapy was hard, and there were several days that I wanted to give up all together. However, the love of my family, friends, and my faith in God got me through.

After my first round of chemotherapy (approximately four weeks), the metastasized tumor in my abdomen miraculously disappeared. The doctors didn't understand, but we did. God is good!

On Valentine's Day 2003, I had my third surgery. This day is usually characterized with gifts of flowers, candy, hearts, and kisses. However, I was given the best gift ever, another chance at life. My surgeon was able to remove all of the cancer.

Since that day, I have had the long, painful, and emotional job of healing, both physically and mentally. I have undergone many hours of physical therapy, on land as well as aquatically.

Today I am very close to a full recovery. You can find me doing the things I once loved to do: going to the lake, swimming, boating, spending time with my family, singing, and being involved in my church. However, the battle may be over, but the journey continues. I still go bimonthly for testing and still have one final surgery in my future.

On August 14, 2003, I celebrated my sixth month cancer-free anniversary. The journey of life and faith are still hard at times, but God is always there cheering me on. You may ask yourself, "How was she able to get through these trials?" Well, I have an answer for you. God. I believe I was miraculously healed of my cancer and that my faith and trust in God are what saw me through.

A scripture that I leaned on heavily during this time was, "Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of the great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's" (2 Chronicles 20:15). This reminded me that I did not have to fight alone, that God was in my corner; He was on my side, and with God with me, no man should come against me. The devil could try his best to discourage me, make me weak and faithless, but just before my breaking point, God would step in and say, "ENOUGH." He promised that he would never give us more than we could handle.

Every day I would pray, "Lord, you know that sometimes I am filled with doubts, but even then I commit myself to you. I am trusting you to handle everything that happens to me." This prayer helped me to maintain my faith.

Through my experiences I have learned even more how God is faithful. If only you will trust in Him, God will be there for you also. I hope that in your life's journey you too can also find the same peace through God that I have. May God bless and keep you. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Rumors of Another World: What on Earth Are We Missing?

by Philip Yancey. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing Company, 2003. 262 pages.

The world, plagued by confused ends, marches headlong towards judgment and destruction, and yet human beings live as if this life is all there is and allow their depraved will and flesh to dictate how they shall live on this earth. Oh, it's true we have many means and ways to get where we are going, but the problem is that we don't know where we are going. If the lost, without God and Christ, of the world knew where they were going, they would make changes quickly. But confusion about the end causes the lost to wander aimlessly, often with little or no care about the end.

Christians, on the other hand, live with a different view of life. They possess a different perspective about life and living. We considered the end of life, and realized that beyond death is a Creator with whom we will have to do.

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Benson Pentecostal Holiness Church News

At the September Raleigh District Conference, the Benson Pentecostal Holiness Church had three individuals who received their Local Minister's License. They are pictured from back left to right: **Jonathan Daniels** standing beside N.C. Conference Superintendent, Rev. D. Chris Thompson; front row, left to right: **Betty "Cha" Parker** and **Laura Jernigan** standing beside our pastor, Rev. Jimmy Barnhill.

God is really blessing our congregation with His presence and goodness. Brother Daniels is also the proud father of a baby girl named Madison born August 18, 2003.

–Rev. William (Bill) Daniels

Life consists of more than preparing for the end of life. It includes the present and offers purpose and reasons to live. For Christians, we see and hear advance echoes of another world that keeps us striving and staying faithful to the One who saved us.

Yancey pulls from many life experiences and references that focus on the purpose and meaning of life. He admits Christians see what the world doesn't see. Christians see order and design in the universe that presupposes a Designer. The world sees no designer. The world's blindness to the God behind the created world prevents the world from discovering life's purpose. Seeing no Creator prevents them from discovering Him as Redeemer.

Every man dies, but not every man really lives. Life lived as God the Creator had planned is living for Him. Yancey stated, "God did not create us with desires simply so that we would renounce them. As Paul insisted, this world is God's creation. Like a loving parent, the God who created us wants for us the best, most satisfying life possible." Becoming a Christian doesn't take away or reduce life. It enhances it. The God who loves adverbs gives order and purpose, without which there is no life satisfaction.

The author shows how it is possible to bring two worlds together, the natural world in which we live and the other world beyond. He calls for a heavenly earthly life that looks upon daily tasks as a "calling" right down to the way a believer uses a broom. Live with eternity in view, and the ravages of time will not distress you. He encourages the reader to look for God in the details of life, to shuffling papers at the office, or changing the oil in a car. Isn't it true that if we are not spiritual where we are and as we are, we are not spiritual at all? In the midst of the mundane, there is God. Everything, small and large, matters to Him. Caring for an elderly parent matters to God. Helping a child do homework matters to God. Taking a grandson fishing matters from a heavenly point of view. Shopping for groceries matter to God. A husband and wife arguing matters to Him. What happens on this earth that God is not concerned about? If He takes note of the sparrow falling, you can rest assured He misses nothing in your life, no matter how small and insignificant it may seem at the moment.

Yancey also grapples with the age-old problem of sin and moral guilt. People sometimes relate meaning with fun, and evil fun makes fun more fun. Soap operas would go out of business if sin weren't present. The reason some books are read is that "sin provides the hook, the pull that keeps a reader turning the pages." The Internet has become such a powerful persuader of evil that even Christians are easily victimized if they are not careful. The bottom line is that people search for significance, meaning, and purpose in all the wrong places when their search does not end up with God Himself. God the Creator knows best how to make life everything He intended it to be. Man may try and experiment with a thousand alternatives, but none work because God designed it that way. The whole of life can be summed up in fearing God and keeping His commandments. Nine tenths of a person's unhappiness is selfishness. Deal with the selfish heart; deal with the problem of sin and moral guilt the Bible way, and find happiness. Those who follow biblical values live longer, enjoy life more, and are less diseased.

The author challenges believers to pull back the curtain and let the sinner world see the difference God makes in a life. Live with God as your Friend, eager to walk with you in the cool of the day, sharing and loving one another, longing for the day of His soon return.

Life Wide Open: Unleashing the Power of A Passionate Life

by David Jeremiah. Brentwood, Tennessee: Integrity Publishers, 2003. 262 pages.

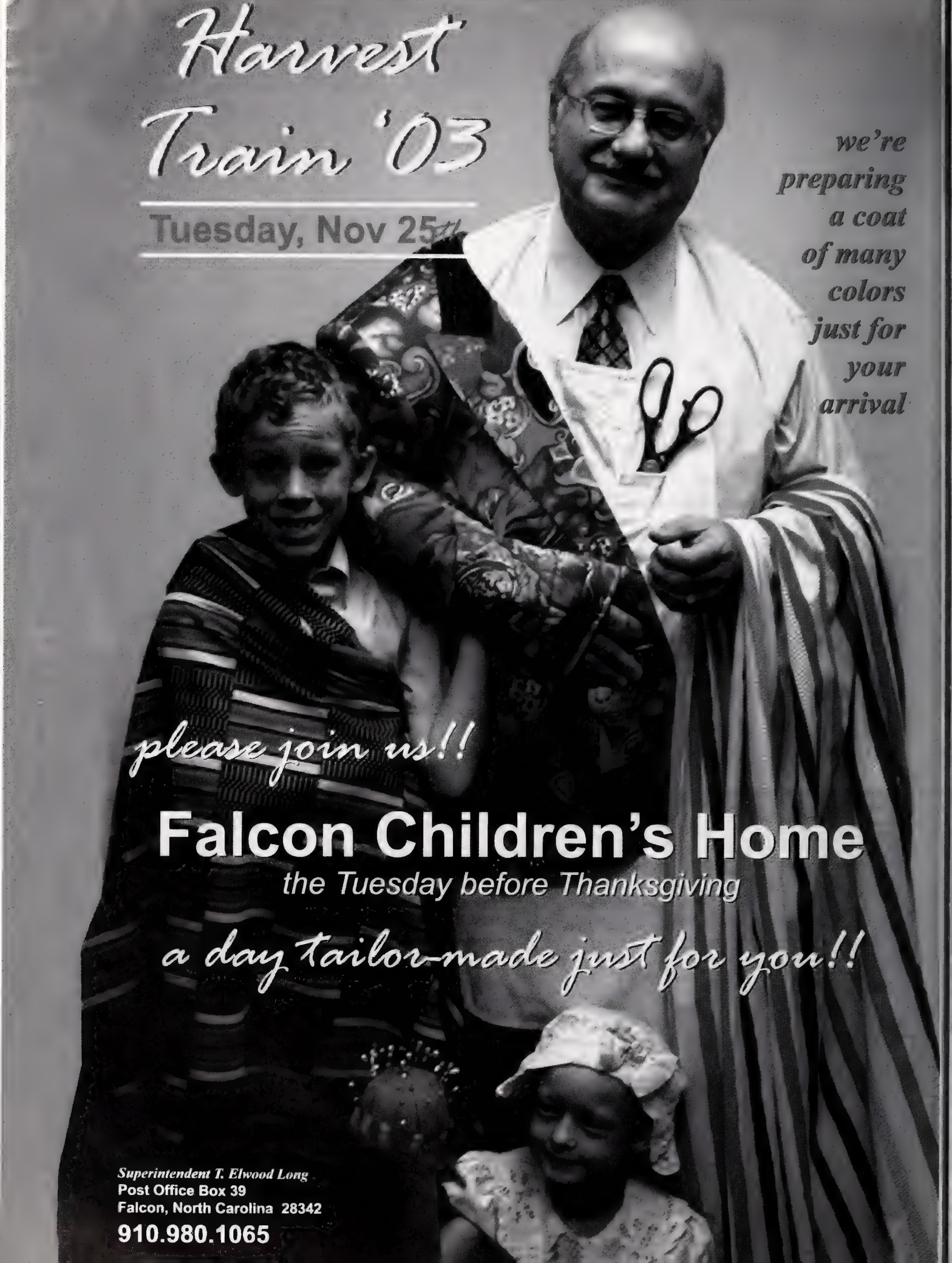
Discovering life's purpose remains a powerful contemporary issue in the world today as many authors produce new works attempting to come to grips with purpose, meaning, and significance in life. As Jeremiah writes, "Many of us sense that something vital is missing from our lives. We are easily discouraged and bogged down with busyness, boredom, mediocrity, and routine." Does this sound familiar to you?

The book consists of three main sections that serve as a map to the life of passion and purpose, the life wide open: (1) Get a grip on the passionate life; (2) Overcome the enemies of the passionate life: and (3) Unleash the power of a passionate life. Jeremiah's answer to the humdrum of life that seems to be going nowhere is passion and purpose based on the Colossians passage of chapter three, verses 23-24: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ," and advocates that without a purpose fueled by passion, nothing in life matters; and the individual who is not passionate about what he or she is doing will never be able to reach the God-given potential.

As every married person knows, passion at the beginning is not the same as passion in the middle and at the end. Beginning with passion is one thing, but maintaining passion is quite another. Passion for God does have some enemies that will seek to stifle and sterilize one's passion. Losing one's first love for Christ is losing passion for Christ. The author presents the remedy for a loss of passion for the Lord by throwing open the door of your life to the Lord Jesus and inviting Him to enter. "It is impossible to be passive in the presence of Passion Personified!"

The book from the beginning to the end sounds a lot like preaching. And it is good stuff for any communicator of truth and faith. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the publication and profited from it immensely. Help yourself by reading *Life Wide Open*.

Happy Reading!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God Prevails

In our times of wilderness we have a God that prevails.

In your Christian walk have you ever been in a time of wilderness, feeling alone, defeated, and discouraged? I have. In one of those times in my life I sought the Lord in prayer, and He responded, "Lydia, I am The God That Prevails."

Whoa! The God of the universe took time out of His busy schedule to talk to me. Isn't that just like God? You see, the God that we love and serve is not asleep, nor is He deaf to our cries of trouble and defeat. He is a God that is alert and attentive to our needs. The truth is that if you and I truly look for God in our times of wilderness, He is there to be found. He is not a God that is far away or unconcerned, but a Father and Friend that is near at all times.

Praying is not always easy when you are in distress, but it is the only sure way to get relief and an answer. The answer might not be what we expected, but God knows what is best for us.

So what do we need to do in our times of wilderness and discouragement? Pray, wait on God, then pray some more until peace comes, maybe a word from God, an answer. Remember, God is listening; He's near and cares.

In the Word of God we have evidence that prayer is the gateway to our success and help. One good example of this is found in Exodus 17:1-16. The children of Israel were on their way to the Promised Land and found themselves in the wilderness with no water and the enemy about to strike against them. They were doing exactly what God had commanded them to do, yet they found themselves in a wilderness with the enemy on their coattails. Does this seem familiar to you? Sometimes as a pastor, spouse, leader, teacher, or Christian, you may be doing exactly what God has told you to do, and people come grumbling and complaining. Maybe the enemy comes against you and your family, health, finances, or church body. What is the correct way to respond and handle the situation? Let us take a look at how Moses handled this situation in order to be successful.

In Exodus 17:4 the Word of God tells us, "Moses cried unto the Lord." Moses chose to respond to his difficulties by seeking God in prayer. Only God could help Moses and the children of Israel, and only God can help you and me.

God wants us to choose the right source of help in times of trouble, but also in times of peace. For if we know where to go in times of peace, we will know where to go in times of wilderness, defeat, and discouragement.

We also see in Exodus 17:8-16 that Amalek came to fight against Moses and Israel. But Moses didn't go out to fight physically; he stayed in his God-given position where he could conquer the enemy in the realm of the spirit while others did the physical battle on their behalf. Moses had wisdom enough to know that he was to call on Joshua and have him choose other men like him to fight against Amalek. Moses, the shepherd of the people, stayed and cried out to God in prayer, while Joshua and the men fought the battle. Moses knew that if he would continue to seek God Israel would prevail, for only God could deliver them and give them the victory over the enemy. "As long as Moses held up his hand Israel would prevail, but when he would let down his hand, Amalek prevailed" (Exodus 17:11). Through this story we can see the importance of knowing our God-given position. As we will see later in the story, we are all called to a place of prayer, but we can also see the importance of a shepherd praying for his people and nation. Our God-given calling brings with it an anointing that breaks the power of the enemy, and we must be sure to use it at all times. This anointing and authority are not only to be used for the lives of our sheep and nation, but also in our own lives and personal difficulties.

Moses not only interceded and prayed while the battle was going on; he had the help of intercessors that sat him down so he could rest, and they stood by his side lifting his hands till the battle was won (Exodus 17:12).

As God's people, we need to have a life of prayer. But as a pastor or leader, we need to prevail in prayer even more. Through these scriptures God is teaching us how to deal with our wilderness experiences and how to fight against the enemy. You and I are not alone, for we have a God that is ever present and also have the body of Christ that can help us in times of need, knowing that we have a God that prevails.

If we would seek to define the word *prevail*, it means to be victorious (over or against); to succeed, to be or become strong or more widespread; to overcome; gain the victory or superiority; to gain the advantage.

Our God is a God that prevails! In times of difficulty God shows Himself victorious, strong, an overcomer, and successful on our behalf. He has gained and will gain the advantage and victory over the enemies of our lives.

Let us be thankful today that we have a God that prevails!

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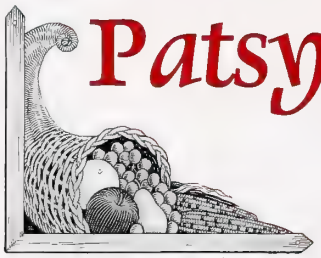
"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"



Patsy's Paragraphs

November

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
(Matthew 25:40)

Tonight as I write this article for the *Evangel*, I can't help but thank God for His blessings. We have just come through hurricane Isabel, and God has kept His hand upon us.

Down east, residents and families in Harlow and South River were not as fortunate as some of us. Homes and businesses have been lost due to flooding and wind damage. A friend of mine called me a few minutes ago, looking for a place for her husband's mother to stay. Both her parents and her husband's mother live in South River and have lost everything. Her parents have lived in their home more than fifty years, and now it is destroyed. She shared with me that they have brought their families to their home in Morehead City, where they will "camp out" until the shock wears off and major decisions can be made. In her words, "We're a close family and we will stick together and get through this." In the days ahead this family as well as many others are going to be stretched out of their comfort zone. When we put others' needs before our own, we model a selfless lifestyle, the kind that Jesus lived.

As you gather with your families for Thanksgiving, please remember those less fortunate than you. Please pray for families devastated by the hurricane as they seek the Lord's wisdom and guidance for their future. I pray that we will be an extension of His love to help others.

Happy Thanksgiving!
In His Love, "Mrs. Patsy"

Marinated Salad

(Submitted by Mrs. Joyce Swinson)

1 cabbage
1 bell pepper
1 large onion
(Shred or thinly slice these three items)

1 cup sugar
(Pour over sliced vegetables)

Mix in saucepan:
3/4 cup Wesson Oil
1 cup vinegar
1 tsp. celery seed
1 tsp. dry mustard
1 tsp. salt

Bring to boil and pour over ingredients. Let stand in refrigerator overnight and drain!

Potpourri

- Unique Tablecloth - If kids will be sitting at a "kiddy" table, cover it with white paper, and then give them crayons so they can help decorate the tablecloth.
- Neater Candles - To keep candles from dripping onto tabletops, sprinkle a little salt around the wick before lighting. Salt will cause hot wax to clump, rather than drip.
- No More Weeds - If weeds are growing between the cracks in your driveway, pour bleach on them to kill them and prevent them from growing back.
- Perfect PB & J - When making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, spread a thin layer of peanut butter on both sides of the bread, then spread jelly on one slice. The layers of peanut butter will keep the jelly from soaking through the bread.
- Quick Eraser Reviver - If your pencil eraser has become too dirty or too smooth to work with, roughen it with an emery board.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHT...

Mrs. JoAnn Blackmon is the Goldsboro Women's Ministries District Director. JoAnn and her husband, Malcolm, live in Goldsboro and attend the Goldsboro First Church. They have two daughters, Tina Hinson and Melodie Blackmon. Both JoAnn and Malcolm are assistant principals with the school system in Wayne County. JoAnn enjoys reading and loves to travel. She also serves as secretary-treasurer in her local Women's Ministries,.

Please call her if you have any questions regarding Women's Ministries. She will be happy to meet with you and your local W.M. group. We are excited about having JoAnn serve on our team. She is doing a fantastic job. You may contact her by writing, 515 Todd Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534, or by calling (919) 778-3750.

GRACE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FOOT WASHING SERVICE

The ladies at Grace Family Fellowship in Robersonville decided to share a special Foot Washing Service with our Missionettes. Many of our girls and ladies had never experienced this humbling service. Molly Haislip gave a devotion and illustration of why Jesus washed his disciples' feet. Then we let a lady and girl wash each other's feet. We all in our minds had a vivid portrayal of Christ's lesson in humility. Did our girls learn the lesson Christ was teaching us? Well, let us just say one parent of a four-year-old Missionette asked her "why she washed Grandma's feet," and she replied, "Dad, because Jesus washed Peter's, I can wash Grandma's!"

John 13:14 – *"If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."*

Fayetteville District Women's Ministries Rally

Mt. Carmel P.H. Church was the setting for the Fayetteville W.M. Rally on Saturday, August 23. After refreshments were served, District Director Kathy Duszynski welcomed everyone to the rally. She then presented former District Director, Mrs. Patsy Payne, with a gift of love and appreciation for all her help and assistance.

Mrs. Kay Steedley, member of the Mt. Carmel Praise Team, led the group in several choruses and then sang a special song, "Healing Jesus." This prelude prepared our hearts for worship as Mrs. Marie Batchelor brought us a timely message from Psalm 122:1 and Psalm 92:12-13, "In His Presence." Marie encouraged us to "stand tall in Jesus Christ." Marie is a local church minister, anointed singer, evangelist, and wife of retired minister Rev. Reuben Batchelor.

Our hearts were blessed as we ended the rally with everyone praying together for each other. A special thank you to the Mt. Carmel Women's Ministries for hosting this event and to Kathy Duszynski for a job well done! You may contact Kathy by calling 919-968-8984.

Mrs. Kathy Duszynski, Fayetteville District Director with Mrs. Patsy Payne.

Mrs. Marie Batchelor, bringing the message of the hour.

Mrs. Kay Steedley, leading in worship

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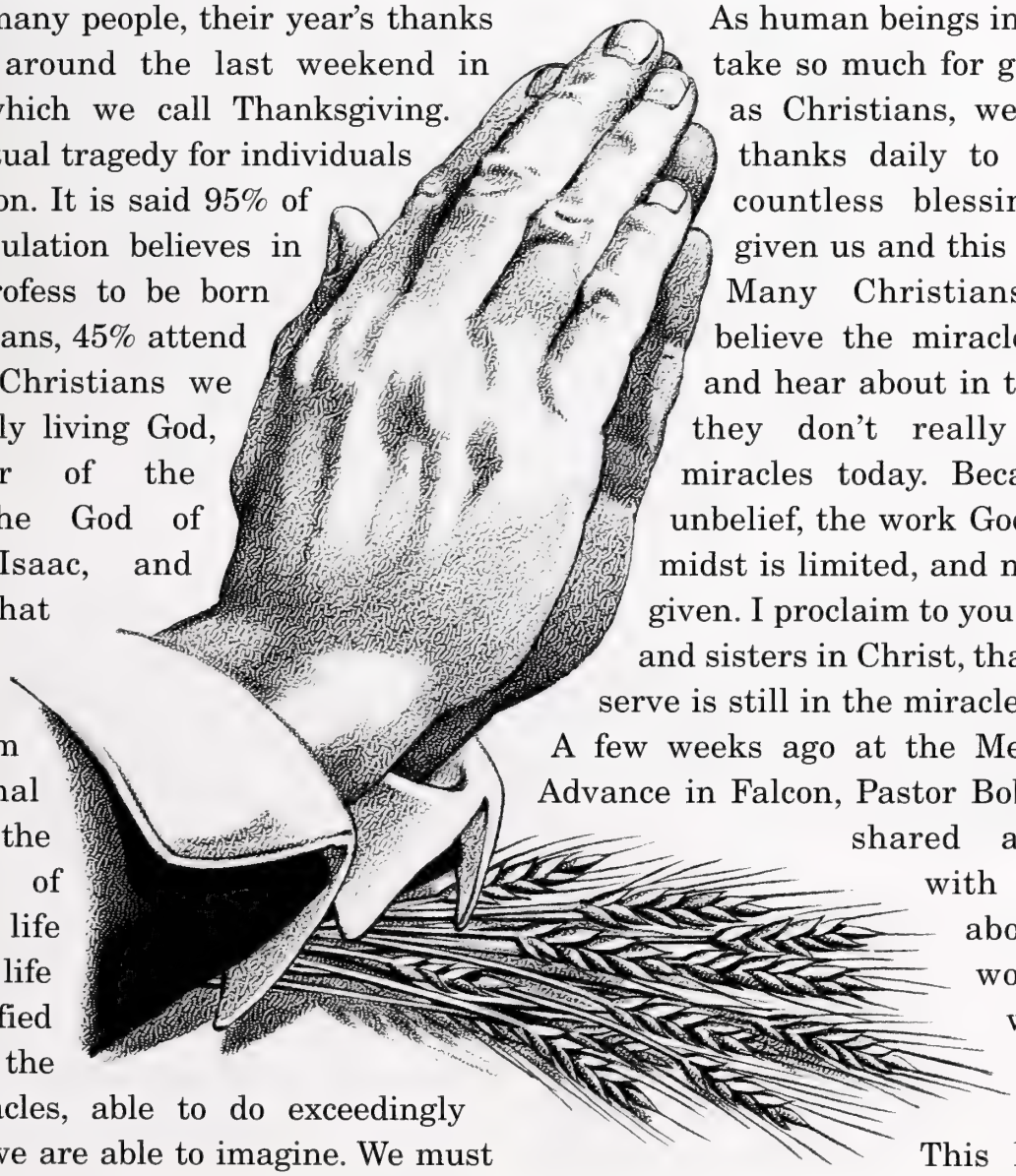
Thanksgiving Daily

In 1621, the colonists celebrated the first Thanksgiving. They gave thanks to God for a bountiful harvest. The national holiday we observe annually stems from that time in our history. For many people, their year's thanks is centered around the last weekend in November, which we call Thanksgiving. What a spiritual tragedy for individuals and our nation. It is said 95% of the U.S. population believes in God, 72% profess to be born again Christians, 45% attend church. As Christians we serve the only living God, the creator of the universe, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. All that we have that is good, comes from our eternal God. He is the giver of abundant life and eternal life with a glorified body. He is the God of miracles, able to do exceedingly above what we are able to imagine. We must give Him honor, praise, and glory every day. We must thank Him daily through our prayers, fasting, and reading and study of His word.



As human beings in America, we take so much for granted. Even as Christians, we fail to give thanks daily to God for the countless blessings He has given us and this great nation. Many Christians say they believe the miracles they read and hear about in the Bible, but they don't really believe in miracles today. Because of that unbelief, the work God does in our midst is limited, and no thanks are given. I proclaim to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that the God we serve is still in the miracle business.

A few weeks ago at the Men's Ministry Advance in Falcon, Pastor Bobby Williams shared a testimony with the group about a young woman who was literally raised from the dead. This lady was in

the hospital recovering from a routine operation, when a blood clot developed and passed into her lung. Medical personnel worked for more than forty minutes to revive her, but to no avail. The doctor told Pastor Williams and the woman's husband that they did all they could, but she was gone. The husband fell on his knees and began to pray for God to raise her up. Brother Williams joined her husband in prayer for her resurrection. The woman's sister came on the scene at this time and declared through prayer that her sister would not leave them this day. In a few moments, the doctor appeared again to tell them that their loved one now had a pulse. The end of the testimony was that the lady is expected to be back in church in two or three weeks. Glory to God. Hallelujah.

How marvelous this testimony is! To be raised from the dead is a great miracle, but not the greatest.

My name is Ricky Nicholson. When I was 13 years old, the Lord saved me at Falcon Youth Camp. I remember thinking that being saved made me feel like a bar of soap, all clean on the inside. It didn't last long because all my friends were sinners. I didn't have much help back then because my brother was in Viet Nam, my older sister was married and gone, and my younger sister was just a baby. My dad was an alcoholic, and Mom was on the road a lot selling insurance.

I started drinking beer at 15; pot, hard liquor and cocaine soon followed. Something was missing; nothing I tried would satisfy. I lost my first wife and missed my first child's early years. That lost time still hurts today. I met Wanda. When we were married, I began a new life, but still there was something missing. The alcohol and drug problem got way out of hand. I almost lost my wife and family again. My brother was there this time. lIe told me I needed God back in my life. With the help of my brother, his wife, Linda, and Noah Barefoot Jr., I began trying to get my life going in the right direction. In June 1996, while attending a Promise Keepers meeting in Charlotte, Benny Knox led me in a prayer of repentance. Jesus Christ found me again. After 22 years of drugs, alcohol, and many heartaches, I felt clean and satisfied again. The Lord saved my wife a week later. The Lord has blessed my family and me beyond measure since then. He allowed me to be a counselor at the Franklin Graham crusade; many people were saved in those meetings; my youngest sister was one of them. I still have my list from Operation Andrew, and I pray for those people daily. God blessed me to get a driver's license after 10 years without one. Wanda and I have two girls now; the oldest has a wonderful voice and sings for the Lord. God helped me get a new job with a four dollar per hour raise. I believe the greatest blessing came when God allowed me to witness to my dad as he lay on his deathbed. Pastor Whitehurst came in at that time, and my dad surrendered his heart and life to the Lord. God raised him up, and he was able to go home. The Lord called him to heaven about a year later. I give thanks every day for what He has done in my life. Call on His name; only He can satisfy.

The greatest miracle, the saving of a soul, is being performed daily, wherever men, women, boys and girls will cry out to Jesus Christ for salvation. Give thanks, honor, glory, and praise every day to the God of miracles.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

We are about to celebrate a very special holiday that is often engulfed and largely forgotten by the Christmas season. It is true that the Christmas season is vital to Christians and should be recognized and celebrated; however, it is time to pause and spend time reminiscing and celebrating the goodness and bounty that God has "piled" on us as Americans. Most schools will be closed on Thursday and Friday; many employers will give employees Thanksgiving Day off, and some will even have Thursday and Friday to celebrate with their families. I pray that all Americans will spend time with family recalling the blessings of God. Thanksgiving will be celebrated in different ways, yet I pray that "thanks-giving" will occupy a significant part of the day. As I review the first ten months of 2003, my heart and mind are filled with praise and thanksgiving for God's goodness and mercy. Many verses could be used to celebrate Thanksgiving; however, Colossians 1:20 stands out to me: "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross." Three things stand out to me in this verse; Jesus is our reconciliation, our reclaimer and our redeemer. All three words are close in work yet distinct in what they mean to me. Jesus made a way where there was no way. He and only He blazed a trail for us right into the presence of the Almighty God. When we were hopelessly lost and helpless to turn things around, Jesus became the Divine reconciler. There is only one path to God, and Jesus paid the price to clear the path. When I was on the slave block of sin and rejection in hopelessness and helplessness, Jesus stood up and said to the slave-master, "I've paid the price and I've cleared the path and I have the credentials to present to purchase Danny off the slave block." I see myself more clearly as the years go by as that "one lost lamb" for whom He left the ninety-nine in the fold and came searching for until He found. That's the scenario of every one of us who are born again. I am so thankful that Jesus has reclaimed me; and what are the price and the credentials - "the blood of His cross." The verse says, "Through the blood of His cross." This lets me know that there is only one way and means of salvation, and that is the blood of the only begotten Son of God. It was His cross; the scene at Calvary 2000 years ago is the only means and price paid for the salvation of man that is valid. Hundreds have come over the last twenty centuries claiming to be Messiah, yet only one laid down his life and then took it back up again. Only one healed the sick, raised the dead, fed the hungry, and redeemed the lost. Only one had all authority in heaven and in earth. Let us be sure to give thanks and praise to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us to reconcile us to the Father, to reclaim us from the slave block of sin and redeem us from the life of rejection and failure. How thankful I am for Christ my Savior.

God has truly blessed the North Carolina Conference in the last year, yet there is vast opportunity for Him to do so much more through each one of us as individuals and through our churches. This year may see us close out with a net of 200 churches for the first time in history. Many churches will close

their year out by having broken barriers (50, 100, 200, 400, 800) for the first time in their history. To God be the glory. There are prospects (very promising) for the coming year to be a great year for church planting - as many as ten. Hispanic ministry is expanding in every area of the conference, and several new Anglo works are in the offing in the coming months. The Model Church strategy was a great success that will continue to reap benefits in the coming year. Several churches in our conference can "mother" another church, which will be a focused effort in 2004, For what God has done in 2003, we give thanks; for the possibilities and prospects of 2004, we strive with great anticipation.

This will once again prove to be a great year as far as Missions ministry is concerned. For the sixth straight year we will easily top the one million mark, maybe even one and a quarter million. Thank you, and to God be the glory. Of that total over $280,000 for Global Outreach has been pledged. Praise God. Faith Commitment is growing stronger, and we will strive to see that it continues to do so. All aspects of Missions ministry are expanding. The vision of the harvest is truly catching on with the people of the North Carolina Conference. Next year we'll focus on raising our per capita giving to $75, on strengthening Faith Commitment, expanding People to People and Coffee House ministry, and establishing Missions ministry in every congregation. Our God, who has enabled us to get to this level, has much more for us to accomplish, so even though I praise and give thanks to the Savior, who has made available to us every good and perfect gift, I want to see us as a conference grow in our commitment and contribution to His kingdom. God give us the strength, courage, ideas, and vision to expand the kingdom. In the coming months, you will begin to see more local stories, pictures, and testimonies about what God is doing on the local level. You will also begin to read more accounts of missions trips and projects. My heart is excited and in anticipation of His blessing who "made peace through the blood of His cross."

World Missions Meals

January 26 - February 3, 2004

Guest Speaker - Sherrill Orvin

Monday, January 26	- 11:30 AM	- St. Paul Fellowship Hall, Greenville
Monday, January 26	- 6:30 PM	- Living Faith Fellowship Hall, Rocky Mount
Tuesday, January 27	- 11:30 AM	- Golden Coral (Hwy 70), Morehead City
Tuesday, January 27	- 6:30 PM	- Trinity Fellowship Hall, Dunn
Wednesday, January 28	- 11:30 AM	- Wilson First Fellowship Hall, Wilson
Wednesday, January 28	- 6:30 PM	- Ryan's (Hwy 301) Smithfield Hispanic (Spanish-speaking Meal)
Thursday, January 29	- 11:30AM	- Ernie's (Hwy 421) Dunn
Thursday, January 29	- 6:30 PM	- Fuller's, Elizabethtown
Friday, January 30	- 11:30 AM	- Pier 20, Wilmington
Friday, January 30	- 6:30 PM	- Pikes Crossroads, Goldsboro
Monday, February 2	- 11:30 AM	- Cobb's Restaurant, (Hwy 17/64), Williamston
Monday, February 2	- 6:30 PM	- New Bern First
Tuesday, February 3	- 6:30 PM	- Ryan's, Garner

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

2004 Talent and Bible Quest

Bible Quest

Bible Quest Teams have begun their study on Hebrews and 1 and 2 Peter, gearing up for the 2004 competition. If you are interested in participating in Bible Quest 2004, it is not too late. All you need to do is contact LifeSprings Resources at (800) 541-1376 and order your Bible Quest materials and get busy studying God's Word! The materials include reproducible CDs (Item #3353003 and #3353014) and Study Guides. Our very first practice tournament will be held in the Conference Cafeteria/Training Center on **Saturday, January 3, at 10:00 AM**. All participants can register for the practice tournament by e-mailing Wiley Hughes, Conference Bible Quest Coordinator, at whughes887@aol.com. Junior Quest competition will include Hebrews 1 – 13. Primary Bible Quest participants can order the Bible Fact Pack (NIV) from LifeSprings Resources. If your church is considering starting a Bible Quest Team and would like Brother Hughes to come to your church to introduce the program, please contact him by e-mail or call him at (910) 483-2916.

Following is the breakdown for the Practice Tournaments

January 3:	Teens (Hebrews 1 – 7)	Juniors (Hebrews 1 – 4)
February:	Teens (Hebrews 8 – 1 Peter 1)	Juniors (Hebrews 5 – 8)
March:	Teens (1 Peter 2 – 2 Peter 3)	Juniors (Hebrews 9 – 13)

Talent Quest

Another exciting year of Junior and Teen Talent Quest is upon us. 2004 promises to be the best year of talent ever. Some changes have been made to better facilitate the ministry and provide an even better opportunity for our youth to present their gifts and abilities to the Lord. Please note the 2004 Talent Zone Competition Dates and Changes* listed below:

District Talent Competition
(Talent Zones)

February 20 . . . . . .GreenvilleIWilliamston Districts
February 21 . . . . . .Lumberton/Wilmington Districts
***FayettevillelWilson Districts**
March 5 . . . . . .New Bern/Morehead City Districts
March 6 . . . . . .***Raleigh/Rocky Mount Districts**
Clinton/Goldsboro Districts

Conference Talent Finals

April 17 . . . . . .Junior and Teen Drama/Creative Arts/Writing Competition
April 24 . . . . . .Junior and Teen Music Competition

Guidelines and rules for National IPHC Talent Quest are online at www.IPHC.org

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THERE IS NO GATHERING NOVEMBER 30, 2003!!!**

HISPANIC CEM MEETINGS
DECEMBER 5 & 6,2003

December 5:
South Annex of the Greenville First PH Church

December 6:
Gospel Tabernacle

Speaker:
Marielos Delgado
She has been a CE Minister for more than 20 years in Costa Rica.

NC Conference CEM Hispanic Representative, Rev. Fernando Angulo, will be hosting the Hispanic CEM Meetings

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"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." –John 1:4, 5 (NKJV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

2004 THEME: "THEM"

Our N.C. Conference theme for 2003 was "HIM." It was a great theme. Really, it is all about Him. We are His people. This is His Church.

Such a theme leads automatically to another theme – "THEM." This is the theme for 2004. When one focuses on Him, His words automatically lead to "Them." Jesus was very much concerned about others. His mission was this: "The Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10). If Christians really love Him and desire to follow Him, they will do what He says.

Jesus' words lead His disciples to the lost. Five times He commissions His disciples. In Mark 16 He said, "Go and preach." In Matthew 28 He said, "As you are going, make disciples." Acts 1:8 gives the empowerment for witnessing by the Holy Spirit. John 20:21 gives the source of commissioning – the Father. Luke 24:47 supplies the "point" message of the disciples: repentance and remission of sins.

If "Them" is the focus, then four responsibilities are clearly seen. Disciples are to live among them. Minds are to be pure. Bodies are to be the temples of the Holy Spirit. Spirits are to be compassionate. Speech is to be wholesome. The Christian is to influence with his biblical lifestyle. Jesus prayed that His disciples would be protected as they live in the world (John 17:15).

Christians have the responsibility to offer Christ. Paul said, "How beautiful are the feet of them that offer Christ." In this decade every IPHC member is to practice annually Reaching Three for Christ.

Christians have the responsibility to make disciples. The overall IPHC theme for 2004-2005 is Making Disciples. Converts are to be matured in faith. Discipleship is reflected in church attendance, giving, evangelism, ministry, and personal growth.

Disciples should be released into ministry. For too many years, clergy have tried to do too much. Many times clergy have left the Word to wait on tables. Converts should be won, yes, but they also should be trained and then released/challenged to ministry. This must be intentional. It will not automatically happen. Christians must be over and out. New ministries must be started. The responsibilities are great, but the rewards are fantastic. One of the greatest joys in ministry is to see a young Christian grow up and reproduce himself/herself in the faith.

With all this challenge to reach "Them," remember the Lord provides blessings to get the job done. He has given His Word. The instructions and guidelines are there. Man is without excuse. "If any man desire to know, he shall know." The Lord and Master of the Church is very opinionated. He has left 66 books of instructions which are divided into two great sections, Old Testament and New Testament.

The Lord has prayed for success in the mission. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their Word" (John 17:20). The very Son of Almighty God has prayed and is praying for victory. There is no way ultimately to fail.

Then, too, He has given a Helper. He did not leave His disciples to fight the battle alone. He sent the Comforter – the Holy Spirit. He came to indwell believers. Believers may be baptized in His fullness. He directs, convicts, teaches, and comforts. Here is God Himself working in the life of the believer.

It is a beautiful thing as one reaches out to others. He is blessed in the process. He is drawn closer to the Lord. He reaches his fullest potential. The Lord is pleased.

Who knows what the Lord will do if the N.C. Conference fully reaches out to "them" in 2004. May it be so!

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SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Rev. Wiley T. Clark	December 15
Rev. Raymond Potter	December 18
Rev. Richard Parson	December 24
Rev. Daisy Morris	January 2
Rev. Ruth Heath	January 5
Rev. King White	January 11
Rev. Buck Parnell	January 16
Rev. Raleigh Horton	January 22
Rev. James McCandless	January 22
Rev. Linwood Butts	January 29
Rev. Jack Ajayroe	January 29

LIBERTY HOMECOMING

On October 5 Liberty PH Church celebrated an old-fashioned homecoming with a record attendance. Approximately 160 people were present to join in the homecoming celebration. Many outfits that day included overalls, bonnets, long dresses, and various styles of hats. Antique cars provided rides for the senior citizens and children of all ages. "4 His Glory" from the Greenville First PH Church provided special music for the service. Rev. Reynolds Smith concluded a weekend revival on homecoming Sunday, with hearts being truly blessed by his morning message. There were seven ministers in our service: Pastor Berry House, Rev. Shelton Whitman, Rev. W.G. Batten, Rev. John Slye, Rev. W.B. Satterfield, Rev. Edsel Hooks, and Rev. Reynolds Smith. The outstanding meal and warm fellowship were enjoyed by everyone.

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Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

A Guide to Biblical Sites in Greece and Turkey

by Clyde E. Fant and Mitchell G. Reddish. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003. 395 pages.

Searching for useful reference works to assist in studying the Scriptures is a never-ending task and involves a good portion of the resource budget for each year. This publication will serve as an excellent resource for research and an archaeological guide concerning the biblical sites (such as Athens, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, Cos, Ephesus, Laodicea, Sardis, Tarsus, Troas) of Greece, Turkey, and the islands of the Mediterranean. Almost two thirds of the New Testament, including the Pauline letters, most of Acts, and the book of Revelation are set in either Turkey or Greece.

In addition to a helpful glossary of significant terms and a very useful historical overview of Greece and Turkey, the guide contains 32 site maps and drawings, 109 photographs, 5 area maps, and 7 charts. The latest in biblical research linked with recent archaeological findings is also given in clear and nontechnical language. The book traces the important missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul, providing practical information that will enrich anyone's study and presentation.

For those who would love to travel to that part of the globe, this resource would definitely aid in locating different sites and important places relating to the biblical world. The authors, both professors of Stetson University, have conducted numerous travel study trips to the Mediterranean region, making the publication a rich source of tourist information. The moment I saw the book and began looking through it, I knew I had to have it. It is a treasured resource indeed!

The Bible on Leadership: From Moses to Matthew – Management Lessons for Contemporary Leaders

by Lorin Woolfe.
New York: Amacom Publications, 2002. 240 pages.

What better book to consult on leadership than the inexhaustible and inerrant Word of God? It seems we are always saying, "Get back to the basics!" We cannot analyze and study Bible characters enough, for their lives reveal what truly matters in the eyes of the Lord in terms of leadership.

Woolfe, previously a specialist in leadership for the American Management Association and now an independent consultant, provides insight from key biblical figures as to how to successfully manage a business, corporation, or church, for that matter. He also includes numerous profiles from various successful business people, including the late Sam Walton, Rudolph Giuliani, Lou Gerstner, Jack Welch, and Mary Kay Ash, who, according to Woolfe, exemplify the strengths and values of the biblical leaders.

The publication flows through ten outstanding character traits (such as honesty, integrity, courage, team development, communication, kindness, and compassion), and case studies from men (and one woman, Queen Esther) in the Bible, and relates how modern business leaders have lived out those traits in their personal lives and in the business world. At the close of each chapter, the author delineates some very good biblical lessons on the character trait.

Admittedly, I have no knowledge of about half the business leaders referred to by the author, and I have never heard of about a third of the companies mentioned; therefore, as a reader I had to rely on the author's knowledge of these business leaders and the lives they live on a regular basis. However, it did make for interesting reading, and the information made me think about management issues and leadership. It would be interesting if a number of ministers who have read the book would have a roundtable discussion of the utility of such a publication in the ministry. Such deliberation and the resultant insight would be very helpful. Happy Reading, and Merry Christmas!

Tarboro Pastor Appreciation

The Tarboro Church on Sunday, September 28, 2003, presented Pastor Jesse Blalock a special expression of appreciation – a 2003 F150 Ford Truck. Wow! Praise the Lord!

Garland Shepherd, owner of Team Ford in Tarboro, made the presentation.

Below is a presentation read by Rev. Louise Thompson at the beginning of the service.

God is good! Isn't that exciting? God is awesome!

God is right now ten thousand miles from here. He is right now a hundred miles from here. And most exciting of all, He is here with us.

Here at Tarboro First PHC, assistance and support are always available through team effort. Working together, God is installed in our lives, and we will be covered not by a three-year, a five-year or lifetime warranty, but by an eternal warranty.

Now isn't that exciting? He has you covered!

God has put something on the heart of an individual of this church, and they have tested and found it to be a mandate from God. I am honored to share it with you because the people of the church wanted to be involved.

We have learned through our pastor that we always want to sow seed into good ground.

Our conference superintendent, Rev. Chris Thompson, regrets his schedule would not allow him to be here today, but he is in full support of this presentation.

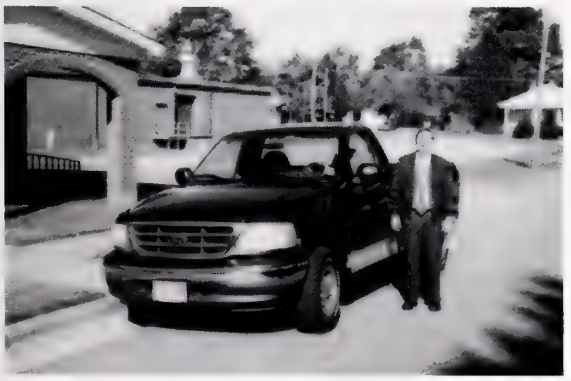
The entire church board is also unanimously in full support of this presentation.

We are going to recognize and reward in a small way the work of a team member. This team member is unaware of this great event, which has taken great effort.

This special presentation is for their hard work and dedication to the people of this church community and surrounding area.

Always giving and doing for other people.

We, the people of this congregation – those that know about this due to testing know this is truly God's will, and those who do not know, because it was the only way for it to be a total surprise, will want to be a part of it – all want to show our love and appreciation for our pastor, Reverend Jesse Blalock, for your dedication to the spiritual and physical needs of us, the people.



Baywood Church News

Baywood Pentecostal Holiness Church is celebrating 105 years of ministry in 2003. God has blessed the congregation with a wonderful anniversary year. Bishop James Leggett was the guest speaker for the 105th anniversary service in August, with almost 300 in attendance. The church has witnessed numerous conversions, rededications, sanctifications, Holy Ghost baptisms, miracles, and deliverances.

The Baywood Community is one of the fastest growing in the greater Fayetteville area. In 1995, the congregation of Person Street Pentecostal Holiness Church made both a historic and monumental decision to change the location of their church building, choosing an area that demonstrated evangelistic potential. In the process, the name of the church was changed to Baywood Pentecostal Holiness Church. Both the leadership and the congregation knew that God had big plans for them in His Kingdom's work.

Along with being the anniversary year, 2003 was designated as the year of "Prayer and Proclamation." The primary focus for the year has been on prayer and evangelism. In early January, the church hosted a community Family Life Conference, and in October, a community Fall Festival, with over 400 in attendance. A brand new ministry started this year is the Baywood Church Preschool. The preschool, under the leadership of Mrs. Penny Smiling, is wonderfully successful in many ways. The preschool meets various needs of both the church and the community. Although it is not the primary intention for the preschool to grow the church, the quality of the school and the ministry of Mrs. Smiling has motivated several families to begin attending worship. This simple statement, "Jesus loves you, and He cares about your Life," is what Baywood Church wants everyone to know, and it seems to be something many people want to hear.

Baywood is strong spiritually, numerically, and financially. The goodness of God and the faith of the Baywood congregation in 2001 led them to increase both General and conference financial support for 2002. At District Conference in early spring, Baywood Church was recognized as the 2002 Fayetteville District Church of the Year. God has so blessed Baywood in 2003 as a result of the increase in General and conference support that the church plans to come in full compliance with General and conference allocations in 2004.

Sunday morning worship attendance has grown from an average of 99 to over 150 since 2001. In August 2002, Baywood hired Matt Coleman from the Capital Church in Garner as minister of music. Under his capable and dynamic leadership, the praise and worship in each service has become exciting and fresh. With 6 paid staff and over 15 ministry leaders, the church is diligently striving to become His church for His glory, awaiting His return.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

December

"In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." (Matt. 7:12)

One night Conrad, a cobbler of shoes, dreamed that Christ would come to his shop on the following day. All morning he waited, but the only visitor was an old man who asked if he might sit down to rest. Conrad put the best pair of shoes in the shop on the old man's feet. Throughout the afternoon the only person he saw was an old woman struggling under a heavy load. Out of compassion he brought her in and gave her some of the food he had prepared for Christ. Just as evening was falling, a lost child entered Conrad's shop. Conrad carried the child home.

Finally in disappointment, the old cobbler cried:
"Why is it, Lord, that Your feet delay?
Did You forget that this was the day?"
Then soft in the silence a voice he heard;
"Lift up your heart, for I kept My word,
Three times I came to your friendly door;
Three times My shadow was on your floor.
I was the beggar with the bruised feet;
I was the woman you gave to eat;
I was the child on the homeless street!"
(Poem written by Markham based on story by Tolstoy)

May the joy of Christmas fill your hearts and homes as you share His love with those in need this Christmas season.

From our homes to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

–"Mrs. Patsy," Janice, Margie, Terry, and Lois

Special Announcement!

Special Request from Missionaries, Rev. Altrea Meyer and Betty Rogers...

These missionaries are working in the country of Malawi in Central Africa. The Women's Ministries there are in its infant stages, but the ladies are very eager to be taught and to develop a strong WM program throughout Malawi. The problem is that they have no WM teaching materials.

Betty is requesting that if you have any program materials that you have already used and wouldn't mind sharing with them, they would like to take them when they return to Malawi in February 2004. They are interested in receiving materials covering all six ministry groups.

Please bring this material with you to the Leadership Seminar in January, and we will make arrangements for Betty to pick it up. Thank you for your loving generosity and help.

NCWM Leadership Seminar

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2004
Where: Clinton First P.H.C., Clinton, NC
Time: Registration 8:00 a.m.
Cost: $8.00 per person
Theme: F.I.S.H.

Fresh Ideas Start Here

Women's Ministries Supports Fall District W.M. Workshops

2003 Feast of Ingathering Offerings

Total Gifts:
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Janice Marshburn, NCWM Assistant Director and Director of Intercession

IS IT CLUTTER, AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE, OR A REMINDER TO INTERCEDE?

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

I encourage you to stop at this very moment and look around the room where you are reading this article. For many of you it will be your kitchen, and for some your living room. Just let your eyes scan the room. Do you see anything sitting on your hutch or coffee table that reminds you of the love of one of your favorite friends or family members? One morning recently, I was walking through my home praying. From room to room I focused on gift after gift that someone had blessed me with. As I enjoyed each item, I began to pray for the one who cared for me in such a special way.

Among the many in my prayer that morning, I interceded for Patsy Deese, who has graced my life with many precious gifts as a reminder of her love for me. I prayed for Ruby Hood, a wonderful servant of the Lord who has ministered by the side of her husband, Rev. Norman Hood, in a wonderful way. I prayed for a friend who desperately needs the Lord in her life. From there, my prayer continued on and on from person to person. It was a wonderful experience. I challenge you to do the same right now. Look around. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak a name into your heart and boldly approach the throne of God in his or her behalf. As I type this article, I'm enjoying the beauty of a pretty magnet arrayed with lovely flowers engraved with the statement, "You're a Bloomin' Terrific Friend." A wonderful friend named Ruth Foley gave me that magnet, and for her I pray right now, "Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that You give my friend Ruth a brand new touch for each new day."

From this day forward, I hope you will see those reflections of love as a reminder to intercede for your friend or loved one, rather than clutter on the table that just needs to be dusted.

January 2004

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 First Friday Fast	3
4	5 Goldsboro, Wilson, Rocky Mount CEM Workshops	6 10:00 AM IPHC Conference Day of Prayer - All Department Leaders New Bern, Morehead City	7	8 School of Evangelism Lexington, KY	9	10 RR ICF Canteen/ Falcon
11	12 Greenville, Williamston CEM Workshops	13 Women Ministers Advisory Council Lumberton, Wilmington MPM New Bern / Morehead City	14	15 Conference Board Meeting Clinton, Fayetteville, Raleigh CEM Workshops	16 School of Ministry	17 MWF Board with District Director
18 Sanctity of Life Sunday	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. - OFFICE CLOSED Evangelism Appreciation Banquets	20	21	22 National R. R. Council	23	24
25	26	27	28 Missions Meals	29 Fire and Ice - Gatlinburg, TN	30	31 WM Leadership Seminar

Dec 2003

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February 2004

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Missions Meals	3	4 Conrad Lowe - Consultant Training	5	6 First Fnday Fast School of Ministry	7
8	9	10 Evangelism Board	11	12 CEM Board	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17 MPM Raleigh/Wilson	18	19 Conference Board	20 Greenville and Williamston Talent Rallies Hispanic Training	21 MWF Board Fayetteville and Wilson Lumberton and Wilmington
22	23 Model Church Strategy	24	25	26 Superintendent's Advisory Council	27 CEM Convention	28
29 The Gathering						

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March 2004

NC Conference Calendar

RETIRED MINISTERS MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Raleigh Clinton Goldsboro Fayetteville District Conferences	2 Wilmington Lumberton New Bern Morehead City District Conferences	3	4 Williamston Rocky Mount Greenville Wilson District Conferences	5 First Friday Fast New Bern and Morehead City	6 Lady Minister's Training Raleigh and Rocky Mount Goldsboro and Clinton
	Reggie Teal and Bruce Fleet				Talent Rallies	
7	8 Conference & District RR Staff	9 New Minister's Day	10	11	12	13
					Royal Ranger of the Year Competition Emmanuel Trustee Meeting	
14 WM Founder's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Spring begins
	Evangelism Rallies - Ron Carpenter Sr.				School of Ministry	
21	22	23 Conference Board Meeting	24	25	26	27
	Evangelism Rallies - Ron Carpenter Sr.				WM Retreat - Greenville Convention	
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	Model Church Strategy					

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				Minister / Spouse Retreat		
4 Daylight Savings Time Begins	5 WM Happy Hearts	6 Evangelism Board Meeting & Day of Training	7	8	9	10 Resurrection Breakfast
11 CEM Resurrection Offering Month Easter	12	13	14	15	16	17 Conference Talent - Drama, Arts, Creative Writing RR Commander's Award Banquet
		Conference Board				
18	19 WM Happy Hearts	20	21	22 Conference Board	23	24 Conference Talent - Music
		MPM Rocky Mount / Wilson			School of Ministry	
25	26 WM Happy Hearts	27	28	29	30 Hispanic - WIN Training	

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May 2004

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 WM Director's Council - Falcon Reconciliation Workshop Ranger Kid's Day
2	3	4 CEM Board Meeting MPM Lumberton/Wilmington	5	6 National Day of Prayer	7 First Friday Fast School of Ministry	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 Examining Committee License Day	14 Examining Committee Ordination Day	15 Armed Forces Day Girl's Ministry Retreat
16	17 Retired Minister's Retreat - Falcon	18	19	20 Conference Board Meeting	21 Hispanic Training	22 MWF Board
23	24	25 MPM Goldsboro / Greenville	26	27	28	29 Inspirational Conference
30	31 Memorial Day (Observed) OFFICE CLOSED					

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June 2004

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		1	2	3	4 First Friday Fast	5 WM Convention
6	7 Royal Ranger District & Conference Staff	8 MPM Clinton / Fayetteville	9	10 CEM Candy Scholarship Drive Begins	11	12
13 Laymen's Sunday	14 Flag Day	15	16	17 Conference Board	18	19
20 Father's Day	21 Summer begins	22	23	24 Junior Canoe Expedition	25	26
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July 2004

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				1	2 First Friday Fast	3
4 Independence Day	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 MPM New Bern / Morehead City	7	8	9	10 Altar Worker Training MWF Board with District Director's
11	12	13 Evangelism Board Meeting MPM Raleigh / Wilson	14	15 Conference Board Meeting JLTC / AJLTC	16	17 Archives Training
18	19 Youth Quest - Daytona	20	21	22	23	24
25 Global Outreach Offering	26	27	28	29	30	31

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August 2004

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Falcon Camp Meeting	2	3	4	5	6 First Friday Fast MWF Dinner Retired Ministers Lunch	7
8 Falcon Camp	9	10	11	12 Jim Forehand	13 Piney Grove Camp Meeting	14
15 Jim Forehand	16 Royal Ranger Staff Meeting	17	18 Piney Grove Camp Meeting	19 Conference Board Meeting Clayton Guthrie	20 School of Ministry	21
22 Jim Forehand	23	24 Wilson District Conference	25	26 Lumberton District Conference Superintendent's Advisory Council	27 Fresh Fire	28
29 Fresh Fire	30 Wilmington District Conference	31 Williamston District Conference				

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5	6 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	7 Evangelism Board Meeting New Bern District Conference	8	9 Conference Board Meeting Raleigh District Conference	10 Men's Ministry Advance	11
12 Girl's Ministry Day	13	14 World Pentecostal Conference	15 See You At The Pole	16	17 School of Ministry Falcon Town Day	18
19	20 Fayetteville District Conference	21 Morehead City District Conference	22 Autumn begins Hispanic District Conference	23 Greenville District Conference	24 Royal Ranger POW WOW	25 Reconciliation Workshop
26	27 Goldsboro District Conference	28 Clinton District Conference	29	30 Holmes Feast of Ingathering		

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					1 Feast of Ingathering First Friday Fast Emmanuel Trustee Meeting	2
3 Pastor Appreciation	4 Royal Ranger Staff Meeting	5 MPM Rocky Mount / Williamston	6	7 Charles at National ADVANCE	8 School of Ministry	9
10 Charles at	11 Columbus Day (Observed) WM Happy Hearts	12 Conference Board Meeting	13	14 Missions F.E.S.T.	15	16
17	18 WM Happy Hearts Lumberton, Wilson CEM Workshops	19 Rocky Mount, Raleigh	20	21 CEM Board Meeting Clinton, Fayetteville CEM Workshops	22 Girl's Ministry MLT	23
24	25 WM Happy Hearts Williamston, Greenville CEM Workshops	26 New Bern, Morehead City MPM Lumberton / Wilmington	27	28 Wilson, Goldsboro CEM Workshops	29 Hispanic Training	30 MWF Board
31 Daylight Savings Time Ends						

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November 2004

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5 First Friday Fast	6 WIN Training
	Happy Hearts Trip to Pennsylvania / Niagara; GBA Meeting					
7	8	9 Evangelism Board	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
		MPM Goldsboro / Greenville			Primetimers	
14	15	16	17	18 Conference Board Meeting	19	20
		MPM Clinton / Fayetteville			School of Ministry	
21	22 Children's Home Board	23 Harvest Train	24 OFFICE CLOSED 1/2 DAY	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
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December 2004

NC Conference Calendar

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			1	2 Superannuated Ministers Luncheon	3 First Friday Fast	4
5 Evangelists' Day	6	7 Conference Boards Party	8	9	10	11
					School of Ministry	
12	13	14	15	16 Conference Board Meeting	17	18
19	20	21 Winter begins	22	23	24	25 Christmas
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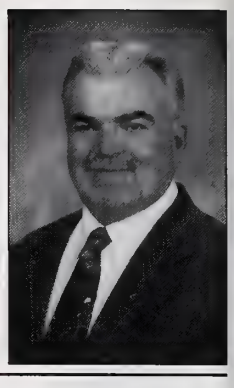

We held our annual Men's Ministries Advance in September. What a great time we had! Our theme this year was "Maximizing Men." I would like to thank Brother Danny Nelson and Brother Charles Boyd for coming and speaking to our men and offering great words of encouragement. Brother Chris Thompson opened up his heart to the men, and the power and presence of God began to move through everyone who was there. Thank you, Brother Chris, for allowing God to use you in such a big way. When we left there on Saturday, we certainly left different than when we came. I thank everyone who took a part in this year's advance.

Sister Rose Boyd spoke to the men on Saturday morning about OTT (Operation Teaching Tools). She is in the middle of raising money and trying to build a new building in Falcon. We need men to step up and offer whatever they can to see that this project gets completed. She has mailed out forms that you can fill out and send back to me stating what you can and will do. If you are not sure about what you can do, please call me, and I will know. I challenge all men to do something.

September 22, I was able to travel to Romania. What I experienced over there has opened my eyes and changed my life. I cannot say everything that I would like to in this article. If you would be interested in hearing about my trip to Romania, please call me at (252) 523-8380, and I will come and speak to your group. Men, it is time we step up and do what God has called us to do. Isaiah answered the Lord and said, "Here am I; send me."

Here am I, Lord. Send me.

God bless you,
Ronnie Basden

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To all those who helped fund my mission trip to Romania! I would love to come share the details with your church!

World Intercession Network

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"Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Recently, the Holy Spirit has been ministering to me about the greatness of our God. He said, "Lydia, you have a GREAT BIG GOD." The scriptures declare Him as Mighty, Powerful, and a Great God (Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 145:11, and Titus 2:13).

As believers, we need to recognize that this small, innocent baby in a manger has all Might and all Power, and is a Big God! We must comprehend that this is not understood intellectually, mentally, or emotionally. This must be understood by faith, a faith that is active, believing in a God that can and will step in to help us in our most desperate or difficult situation.

Our prayer life is the tool that activates the word of God through faith calling out to a Big God for the answer. We must pray persistently: ask, seek, and knock (Matthew 7:7).

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As believers, we must not take for granted nor get too familiar with God, forgetting that He is more than we can think or even imagine. He is greater than our thoughts, greater than our ideas, and more powerful than we make Him to be. He is a GREAT BIG GOD! God's hand is never short, His timing is never off, and His giving is in abundance. This little babe in the manger is more than just a little child. He is the Son of a Great Big God.

As we read in 1 Corinthians 1:27, "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty," we see that God takes fragile and weak things of the world to empower them by His Spirit and bring them to greatness. Just as the babe of Bethlehem was empowered to do great things for God, we as believers are also being empowered to be used by God through His strength.

We must be aware of our weakness, acknowledge His strength, and respond to His calling. Let us look at some scriptures that help us understand the strength, power, and might of God:

Psalm 27:1 – "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalm 28:7 – "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him I and am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him."

Psalm 46:1 – "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Psalm 73:26 – "My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever."

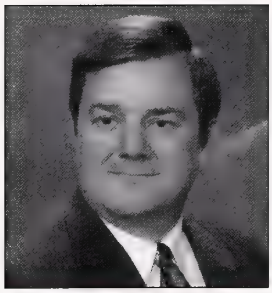
Psalm 84:5 – "Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee."

Psalm 138:3 – "In the day when I cried, thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul."

Isaiah 26:4 – "Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

Knowing the babe of Bethiehem is considering the greatness of who He is, comprehending the weakness that we have, and responding to the strength that lies within us.

During this Christmas season, let us continue in prayer and intercession, knowing that we have a Father who loves us, a mediator who intercedes for us, and the Holy Spirit who helps and empowers us.



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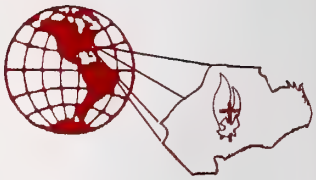

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

A Romanian Mission

by Bobby T. Williams

On September 22, 2003, I was blessed to lead a church-planting team from Kinston, NC, to Romania. Besides my wife Anne, I was accompanied by Ronnie Basden, James Burkett, Roger Byrd, and Linda Harper. We were met in Raleigh by Steve Cofer, who was a blessing to us on the entire trip. We flew from Raleigh to Detroit to Amsterdam and then to Budapest, Hungary. In Hungary we were joined by Dave and Linda Fannin and Bob Cave. These missionaries became indispensable to us as we ministered. From Budapest, we drove by van to Oradea, Romania, where we met a wonderful man, Pastor Teo Bulzan. He is pastor of Bethany Christian Center in Oradea and a real man of God. After ministering with him to a group of Romanian pastors for two days, we traveled some of the worst roads I have ever been on, to a town in the South called Moldova Noua. There we met Pastor Vasile Trisca, who has planted six churches in that region. He took us to the village of Berzasca, where a new Pentecostal Holiness church was planted. I am humbled to say that they allowed me to preach to them, and our team ministered in prayer over them for a very long time. Although the buildings were very small, the people packed in. There were about 50 people in the first service, and the next morning in Moldova Noua, we ministered to 250 men, women, and children. In the two services, 22 people accepted Jesus as their Savior. These people blessed me much more than I could ever bless them, and God has used them to change my vision forever.

These Romanian pastors, at great sacrifice and with few resources, are trying to reach their country for Christ. They have come from over 70 years of Communist oppression, and there is extreme poverty and oppression. Still they have a vision to win the lost. Everywhere we went, we were touched by the need of the people. There are few churches, and the existing churches (Orthodox and Catholic) have no evangelistic fervor. In fact, they have in many ways turned people away from God. This has left Romania (and, I guess, much of Europe) largely unchurched. They are as lost as if the Gospel had not come to them. Villages like Berzasca have no Full-Gospel churches and no automobiles. If someone does not carry the Gospel to them, they will not hear. How shall they believe if they do not hear? Church planting is the only way they are going to be reached. It will bless the planter more than anyone else.

My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation

by Danny Nelson

In just a few weeks this year will be gone, having passed into history. It has indeed been a memorable twelve months, as God continues to do great things around the world. There have been several great holidays, times to celebrate and rejoice in the goodness of God: Easter, Thanksgiving, and, yes, Christmas. This grand season is now upon us, and what a season of celebration it is! The music is blaring; homes, stores, and shops are decorated. Most all, towns and cities in Eastern North Carolina are decorated and have had their annual Christmas parades. Almost all children shake with excitement as they anticipate and strain to wait for their gifts. Churches have extended their best to decorate and practice their plays and musical presentations to announce once again and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. I must confess that I too am filled with anticipation and excitement as this grand holiday approaches.

One more time, let's look at the Christmas story. Luke 2:28-30: "He took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: now let thou thy servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation." These verses are referring to Simeon, a priest in the Temple at Jerusalem, who had spent the greater part of his life looking for the Consolation of Israel. When he saw the Messiah, he was satisfied to go on to his death because to have seen the Messiah was worth the wait. Personally, this Christmas I want to *see* Christ more clearly in focus than ever. I do not want to lose sight of Christ in the activity of Christmastime.

The story is told of two women, both with their arms full of presents, their collars pulled up around their necks against the wintry wind. They converged from different directions in front of a local department store, and there in the window was a life-size Nativity. As they looked at the scene, one lady shook her head in disgust and said to the other, "Can you believe that; churches are even barging in on Christmas!" What a tragedy! Some have drifted so far from the real essence of the season that even the King of kings is accused of barging in on His own birthday.

I pray that God will soften my heart and open my eyes to see and make this Christmas different and more notable than any other in my life. Oh, God, open our eyes, not to lose sight of Jesus.

Luke 2:25 tells us that Simeon was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel. We know little of Simeon, yet this verse tells me that he was dedicated to God; it tells me the attitude of his heart; it reveals the sway of his lifestyle; it shows the Holy Spirit was upon him. His heart was molded, filled, and led by God. Simeon's anticipation was different from most in Israel. Most Jews wanted the Messiah to come to break the bonds of the Romans, but not Simeon. He was looking for the Messiah to break the yoke and dominion of sin (vs. 31, 32). With each passing year, the Jews' anticipation rose higher and higher as they looked for a Messiah to come and crush the Romans. Millions in America and around the world have the same attitude of heart: "I'm going to make this Christmas the biggest ever!"

To all the people in the Temple that day, this young couple with a baby were just another family, but not to Simeon. Because he looked for the Messiah, he recognized Him when he saw Him.

This Christmas, God help us to see three things when we look again into the manger. *First, God help us to see the Love of God manifested.* (John 3:16a: "For God so loved...")

What greater miracle, proof of God's concern for mankind, than when we look into the manger and see the Christ? 1 John 4:8 and 10 put it into perspective: "for God is Love" and "in this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us."

Second, God help us to see the Lamb of God. (John 1:29b, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.") We dwell on getting the perfect or ultimate or appropriate gift, yet God gave all three in the form of His Son, and He came in the form of a sacrifice for all the sins of all the world for all time.

Finally, God help us to see the labor of the Lamb of God. (John 3:17: "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved." Mk. 10:45: "For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many.") The ultimate labor of love was shown to us on Calvary. It was not an easy task, yet it was the only way that you and I could approach God and be accepted: through the labor of the Lamb of God.

Whatever our plans are for celebration this Christmas, I pray that God will give us 20/20 sight into the meaning of the season to *see* God's love, God's Lamb, and God's labor to secure for us salvation.

From my wife, Rose, and me and from my secretary, Mrs. Joyce Swinson, we wish you a Christ-filled Christmas, complete with 20/20 sight into the meaning of the season.

"My eyes have now seen Your salvation."

N.C. Conference Schedule
2004 World Missions Meals

Monday	January 26	11:30 A.M.	St. Paul Fell. Hall	Greenville
Monday	January 26	6:30 P.M.	Living Faith F. Hall	Rocky Mount
Tuesday	January 27	11:30 A.M.	Golden Coral (70 W.)	Morehead City
Tuesday	January 27	6:30 A.M.	Trinity F. Hall	Dunn
Wednesday	January 28	11:30 A.M.	Wilson 1st F. Hall	Wilson
Wednesday	January 28 *Spanish*	6:30 P.M.	Ryan's (Hwy 301)	Smithfield
Thursday	January 29	11:30 A.M.	Ernie's	Dunn
Thursday	January 29	6:30 P.M.	Fuller's	Elizabethtown
Friday	January 30	11:30 A.M.	Western Sizzlin	Wallace
Friday	January 30	6:30 P.M.	Pikes Crossroads	Goldsboro
Monday	February 2	11:30 A.M.	Cobbs Rest. (H 17/64)	Williamston
Monday	February 2	6:30 P.M.	New Bern First	New Bern
Tuesday	February 3	6:30 A.M.	Fire Mountain	Garner

Speaker – Rev. Sherrill Orvin

N.C. Conference
2004 Evangelism Appreciation Banquets

Monday	January 19	6:30 P.M.	Ernie's Buffet	Dunn
Tuesday	January 20	11:00 A.M.	Western Sizzlin	Rocky Mount
Tuesday	January 20	6:30 P.M.	Berne Restaurant	New Bern

Speaker – Rev. Bob Ely

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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It is tough to think about Christmas the last week in October (just an inside scoop on when the articles are written). I want to extend Christmas greetings from the Boyd household and the CEM Department. Christmas is a very exciting time around our house, with wish lists as long as the eye can see. Austin is now 6, Michaela, 3, and by the time you read this article, our little Ansleigh will be 2, so you can imagine the excitement. Too many times we get so caught up in all the world has to offer at Christmas that we lose focus on the reason for the season. I came across this article and hope it will help keep us balanced during this joyous season!

Bum Deal at Christmas

by Ralph Wilson

Once in a while at Christmastime, I catch myself complaining about little things, inconveniences, mainly. "I don't need this now," I mutter, and wonder, "Why does this have to happen to me? Is God mad at me?" Then my thoughts turn to Mary and Joseph. Face it. Their story doesn't center on sugar cookies and eggnog.

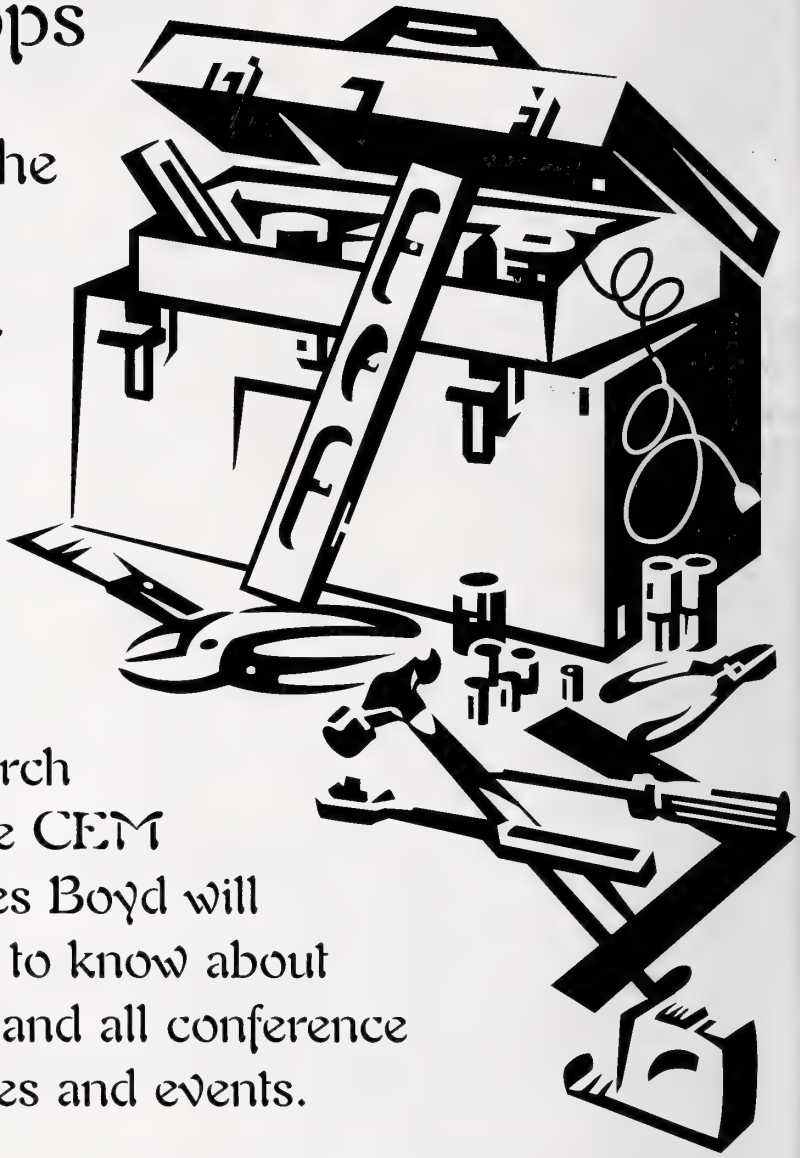
- Joseph was off work for weeks because the government made him travel to a distant town to fill out some stupid registration papers.
- You can bet the Nazareth biddies hounded Mary about her pregnancy.
- Can you imagine taking a four-day donkey ride to Bethlehem at full term? Of course, if Mary didn't want to ride, she could always walk ... or waddle.
- Think about a camping trip with winter winds whistling through your tent. Or do you have a tent?
- How about being in labor in a dirty cattle barn? One whiff was all Mary needed.
- And then, in the middle of the night after a grueling labor, there's a herdsman banging on the door.

Why, of all things, did God let His own Son be born under those conditions? Was God mad at Mary and Joseph? Of course not. Maybe God allowed the stable so we could see His glory backlit amidst life's humbling experiences.

Life does have its downside, its reversals, its annoyances. And where is God when we despair? He was with Mary and Joseph every moment, working out His plan, just as He is with you and me right now.

I guess Christmas reminds us to look beyond our aggravations. God is doing something. You know, if we'll lift our eyes above Bethlehem's hovels for a moment, we might even catch a glimpse of the Christmas star.

CEM Workshops



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New Year's Christians

Two words fill my thoughts as I think of the new year – God and man. The Apostle Paul captures these words in his discussion of the Macedonian Christians in II Corinthians 8. He mentions in verse 5, "This they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of the Lord."

These were special Christians. They loved the Lord and ministered even in a time of most severe trial (verse 2). They did so with overwhelming joy and with rich generosity. Their vertical relationship was in order; this led to a horizontal expression of service.

Basic Christianity in 2004 carries the same principles – love God and serve Him by ministering to men. Recently I was exposed to these two principles in the context of a church dedication ceremony – the Mount Olive First Church. The church was dedicated on November 30, 2003, with 264 present. Pastor Doug Bartlett and congregation are to be congratulated. Pastor Bartlett wrote an excellent dedication ceremony. This ceremony exemplifies these principles. Here it is for your consideration. The congregational responses have been omitted.

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"It is with praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord that we enter this time of dedicating this facility and consecrating ourselves anew for accomplishing the purpose that He wants to fulfill with it. As we dedicate this facility, may we not just go through the motions, but may we express ourselves with godly sincerity, whereby 'the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts are acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.'

"We give God thanks for creating the need to carry out this project. He has saved souls. He has brought His people together. He has drawn the searching, the wounded, the weary, the bound, and the empty to this place for ministry. And through His help, they have received direction, encouragement, strength, deliverance, and provision for their needs. The success of ministry in this place has met the need for housing the harvest.

"We give God thanks for leaders who have received the vision, and who have stepped out by faith to fulfill it. We thank the Lord for His people who have faithfully participated in their places of ministry and, in so doing, have expanded the effectiveness of their church. We furthermore praise the Lord for the many others who have supported this vision through prayer, fasting, and giving.

"We give the Lord thanks for the material resources that He has supplied to erect this structure. We also thank Him for the labors of dedicated professionals and volunteers who have literally 'strengthened their hands for the work.' They have done so without accident or injury, and we recognize God's protection and help on their behalf.

"We recognize that while what we do in and with this place is important to God, in comparison to His might and majesty, we are so small. We are even prone to wonder, as King Solomon did centuries ago, 'Will God indeed dwell on earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that (we) have builded?' Yet we know that we must establish today before God, before men, and before spiritual powers that this place belongs to the Lord as His tool for advancing His kingdom.

"This place shall be 'Bethel,' 'the house of God.' We will exalt Jesus Christ here with music, drama, and other creative ways of worship. We will exalt Him in prayer and the preaching of the Word. We will worship Him individually and collectively. Furthermore, we will allow this place to be the habitation of the Spirit of the Lord, giving Him the liberty to operate among and in us, with the demonstration of His gifts and power.

"This place shall be 'Bethesda,' 'a house of mercy,' where the searching, the wounded, the bound and empty shall continue to find direction, encouragement, strength, deliverance, and provision for their needs. We covenant with the Lord and with each other to offer His love to anyone who enters our doors.

"In this place we will fulfill the mandate of the Great Commission and 'make disciples' of all ages. Through Sunday school, KIDZ Church, Teens Ministry, Missionettes, and Royal Rangers, we will train God's people in the Word that they 'may grow up into Him in all things.'

"This place shall be for strengthening of relationships among the community of believers. We will eat together, laugh together, cry together, pray together, work together, and, through this Christian fellowship, bond together, showing the world the highest example of Christ's love by loving one another. At the same time, we will not be so bonded to one another that we are closed to others outside our circle of community, but we will instead receive them with a Christlike love and compassion.

"And inside these walls we will receive the inspiration and burden to witness to those outside these walls the good news of Jesus Christ. We will not forget nor neglect our duty of communicating the saving gospel of Jesus Christ to those in our 'Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and uttermost parts of the world.'

"As a consecrated people in a dedicated facility, we commit ourselves to live holy and pleasing unto the Lord. We will be doers of the words that we offer now in the presence of Almighty God. And as we carry out the commitments we have made for our building and for our own lives, we know that the Lord will keep using us and blessing us for His glory. In Jesus' name we claim it, Amen."

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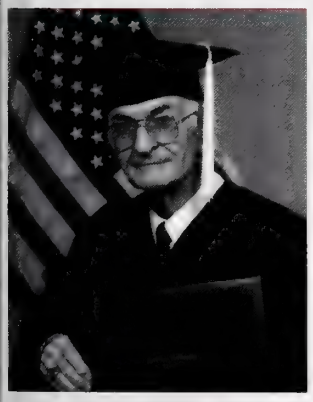

I am thankful for Rev. Raymond Potter. This man has been a blessing to me. He is a friend and personal mentor. He has been a source of encouragement and motivation. He has served this conference well and blessed me beyond measure.

After being officially superannuated, he enrolled in East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. On Saturday, December 13, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Religious Studies and History. He graduated Magna Cum Laude. Well Done!

In the midst of his studies, he has continued to serve the N.C. Conference as a supply preacher and interim pastor. He serves as an advisor of the N.C. Conference Missions Committee.

We salute you, our brother. May you continue to lead us and show us the way.

–Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

Rev. W. Otis Foreman

Brother Otis Foreman was born in Beaufort County on November 26, 1915. He left this earth for heaven on November 2, 2003. He was eighty-seven at the time of his death. He was saved in October 1938. He accepted his call into the ministry and began pastoring as a mission worker within the N.C. Conference in 1962. In 1963 he joined the N.C. Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and was ordained in 1965.

Brother Foreman was married to Dorothy Elizabeth Paramore on July 8, 1950. They were married for nearly forty-one years. Sister Foreman went to heaven on March 26, 1991. Here was a couple committed to each other and to the work of the Lord.

Rev. W.O. Foreman retired in 1977. Prior to his superannuation he pastored the following churches: Jamesville, Wakelon, Plymouth, Hamilton, and Pinetown.

A graveside service was conducted in Pinewood Memorial Park, Greenville, N.C. on Tuesday, November 4. The service was led by Pastor Ronnie Gurganus, pastor of Hodges Chapel Church. Rev. Wiley Clark, director of Retired Ministers Department, assisted. Rev. Jimmy Whitfield, assistant superintendent, was present on behalf of the Conference.

Brother Foreman was a delightful brother in the Lord. On my visits with him and personal calls, I was always blessed. He always had a good word. He was quite a musician, having played several instruments. He always was very supportive to me when I was preaching in the area.

At his death and funeral I was in Oklahoma City for a General Board of Administration meeting. He will be missed.

Superintendent D. Chris Thompson
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Anniversary/Homecoming Sunday

January 25, 2004
New Covenant Ministries
Warrenton

Rev. Noah Barefoot, Jr., Speaker

Unashamed will be the guest singers for the morning worship and afternoon Singspiration.

Spring Hope Church News

On Saturday morning, November 2, 2003, the Spring Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church was the starting point for a cancer fund motorcycle ride. It was hosted by "The Guardians of the Cross," a motorcyle ministry of the church with Pastor Dale Eatmon, President Danny James, and Secretary Johnny Ray Ayscue. The ride was to raise funds for cancer victims Charles and Jean Bobbitt of Castalia and Susie Smith of Tarboro. The proceeds exceeded $1,500.

Motorycycle riders from surrounding areas also participated in the event. About 60 riders participated in the event that began at the church and proceeded through Red Oak to Fellowship of Praise Church and from there to New Beginnings Church in Wilson. The riders left Wilson and finalized their drive with a cookout and drawing for prizes at Vicious Motorcycle Shop in Spring Hope at 2:00 p.m.

Thanks for all the riders and those who sponsored them!

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Eatmon

Pastor Wanda Bayles Honored at Pentecost Worship Center

Pastor's Appreciation Day was celebrated Sunday, October 5, at Pentecost Worship Center in honor of Pastor and Founder Wanda Bayles.

A very special honor of honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree was bestowed on her by Berea Christian College and Theological Seminary by the President, Reverend Phillip D. Murray, D. Min., shown presenting Pastor Wanda with the honorary degree.

A mural, *The Living Water*, was presented in honor of Pastor Bayles from the Men's and Ladies' Fellowship of the church.

Guest speakers were Rev. Phillip Murray of Virginia, former Associate Pastor Ronnie Jones of Meadow, and Shelby Whitfield of Wilmington, sister of Pastor Bayles.

Many gifts were given to Pastor Bayles and her husband Alex from the church and friends.

The Melody Makers of Broadway provided special music, and after the service, a meal of barbecue pork and chicken with all the trimmings and desserts were enjoyed by everyone.

Pentecost Worship Center is located at 2744 Ross Road in Lillington, N. C.

Ground-Breaking in Garland

On October 19, 2003, Garland PH marked this year's homecoming services with a ground-breaking ceremony for a new sanctuary. This has been a long-time dream for our church, and God's provision has made this dream possible. The new 50-ft. x 100-ft. facility should be complete for our 2004 homecoming. Standing from left to right are Pastor Dwight Jones, Charlotte Sinclair, James Joyner, Rev. Luetta Morris, Jimmy Spell, Rev. Paul Evans and Homer Spell.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

V. Honor thy father and thy mother.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X. Thou shalt not covet.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Prophetic Untimeliness: A Challenge to the Idol of Relevance

by Os Guinness. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003. 123 pages.

If we would be honest with ourselves, most of us are strongly influenced by the clock culture and modern timeliness. Time is part and parcel of who we are as human beings. The powerful temptation upon the church of today is to be as relevant as possible without appearing to be irrelevant, or sterile and ineffective in terms of outcome. The pointed truth is as Guinness stated, "Never have Christians pursued relevance more strenuously; never have Christians been more irrelevant." What does this mean? How does it affect the modern church?

Advocating that true Christianity is always relevant and timely, Guinness peers through the fog and mist of the contemporary church and finds some startling facts about the direction the church as a whole seems to be taking. The timeliness of the gospel lies in the untimeliness of rejecting modern timeliness. In an effort to present a timely message, satisfying the secular palates of the masses, the untimely message has been altered to make it more palatable, that is, relevant and useful for our times. What we are doing in the name of progress may not be progress at all. It may be regress. An irrelevant church does not make progress. It is not moving forward.

It is possible to speak something true and new, but unfortunately, what may be new may not be true, and what is true is not new. The Gospel is not new, but it is true. The true Gospel is relevant and up-to-date. It is as modern as this morning's newspaper. But pressure is being put on the church and its leaders to be successful and relevant to our times. The pressure comes from the modern world, which has proven to be the most powerful, the most pervasive, and the most pressurizing of any era. When the church becomes captive to its own culture, the church is in serious trouble.

The author contributes an astonishing insight to help the reader understand the problem and issue through a powerful conveyance of transferred authority from *Sola Scriptura* (by Scripture alone) to *Sola Cultura* (by culture alone). He uses part of the battle cry of the Reformation to make his point. Instead of the Bible being the final authority of the church, culture has become the authority. This historical shift, as Guinness explains, is where the church lies, and it is as precarious a position as it can be. Few are willing to make the clarion call for authentic relevance anymore.

Most ministers would identify this departure as "spiritual adultery," where the church makes friends with the world, embracing Jesus and the world at the same time, resembling kissing Judases. What the church needs are prophets, men and women of God, calling the church back to the basics and fundamentals of authentic, classical Christianity. What the church needs is the old-time Pentecostal fires burning again in the hearts and minds of men and women, boys and girls, reaching for the real and resisting the false.

The man or woman who lives by the faith of the Bible does not fit in the world. It is like trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. We were born again for another world. This world is not our home. We march to the beat of a different drum. We passed through the narrow gate, rejecting the broad. We swim upstream instead of floating along with all the rest downstream. The Christian church has always resisted the torrents of the worldly waters that rush headlong into the sea of damnation and judgment.

Guinness does not leave the reader simply seeing the problem, but offers some proactive suggestions about how to prepare oneself for these times. He calls for effective resistance thinking that involves an awareness of the unfashionable, striving for original Christianity, and a radical obedience to the call of Jesus Christ in these last days.

What is at stake? The church could be in grave danger of losing its identity, authority, significance, and even its very soul! The world is hungry for some timely good news. What better good news is there than the untimely Gospel of Jesus Christ, good for any age, any person, any time, and any culture? Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

A Hunger for the Holy: Nurturing Intimacy With Christ

by Calvin Miller. West Monroe, Louisiana: Howard Publishing Company, 2003. 193 pages.

Having met Miller personally, I am always interested in new publications from his pen. His writings speak easily to the heart and give the mind much food for thought. In the eight chapters of the book, Miller seeks to lead the reader to a "table for two in a quiet wilderness," and in effect, nurture the reader's relationship with the living Christ and satisfy the inner cravings for intimacy with God, using the Book of Psalms as a resource for insight, contemplation, meditation, prayer and worship, and the experiences of the mystics as enhancing one's journey to personal intimacy with God. He advocates that by looking within ourselves through the aid of the Scriptures and prayer, we will come to know more about Christ. The end is to know Christ more intimately, but when a believer knows Him more intimately, he knows himself in a greater way. Self-knowledge is always enhanced through Christ-knowledge.

As with any attempt to draw closer to the God of heaven, poverty of spirit and self-denial must rule and govern the life of the believer, acknowledging one's constant need and emptiness, ever renouncing the self-life and striving for greater conformity to the Christ-life, since the passion to obey Him is born out of a relationship with Him. How can one receive if one is always full? How is it possible to do what you always want and obey Christ at the same time? To be content with what one has and to do what He would have you to do reveals the degree of intimacy one has with the living Christ.

The book is designed to be read slowly, deliberately, and contemplatively. It is filled with pithy statements worthy of one's time and should prove to be adequate in challenging the reader to greater intimacy with God no matter the dimensions of one's spiritual needs. The chapters on prayer and facing death with Jesus are worth the price of the book. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15-16)

The New Year!

The New Year like a book lies before me;
On its cover two words, "My Life," I see.
I open the covers and look between–
Each page is empty, no words can be seen,
For I am a writer; I hold the pen
That'll fill these pages to be read by men.
Just what kind of book will my book be,
My life written there for others to see,
Each day a page written, one by one–

In this new year every person has been given 8,760 hours. Time makes up the building blocks now under construction, and we have been given 8,760 hours to do with as we will. The only difference is that, given exactly the same set of circumstances, we can respond in a wide variety of ways.

The story from a generation or two ago tells of two fellows who were sent out into a remote part of the Ozarks to sell shoes. Almost immediately, one of the salesmen sent a telegram back to the home office: "Am returning at once," he wired. "Can't sell shoes here. Everyone goes barefoot." No word came from the other salesman for a few days, until a letter arrived at the home office. It came in a bulky, bulging envelope. The letter said, "Fifty orders enclosed. Prospects unlimited. Nobody has shoes."

Same situation, different interpretations! Same amount of time each of us is given, same world we live in, same people we work with, but what different results emerge from us. The annual coming of a new and fresh year highlights our assignment for us: to take this unused year now under construction and build something lasting and worthy from it. That is God's assignment to you and me. (From *Pastor's Complete Handbook of Model Sermons*)

We are looking forward to another exciting year as the Lord directs our path. May you be blessed this New Year, and may you be a blessing! Remember, "Together We Can Make a Difference."

Happy New Year!
"Mrs. Patsy" & The NCWM Board

Happy Hearts

Blanche Pollard and Marjorie Teachey load boxes of Christmas stockings, which Happy Hearts have prepared for Pittsburgh, PA, and Brooklyn, NY, Christmas Ministry Outreach. Approximately 1,000 stockings were collected for this year's delivery. The stockings will be used as ministry tools to reach underprivileged children.

Greenville District W.M. Rally

In July, the local directors of the Greenville District Women's Ministries met to plan their Fall Rally. Everything went according to plans, and on Thursday, October 23, 2003, approximately sixty-six (66) ladies enjoyed a fun-filled, anointed evening. The Women's Ministries of the Kinston First P. H. Church hosted the event. Janice Warren, Kinston First W.M. director, welcomed everyone.

To begin the rally, a light meal was served. The tables were decorated with a fall theme. Following the meal, the presence of the Lord saturated our souls as Tracie Marshburn, Kinston First choir director, led the ladies in several choruses. Our souls were fed by Captain Ruth Segres, chaplain at Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro. Captain Segres encouraged us as she spoke from Luke 10:38-42 and gave background information on Mary, Martha, and Jesus. Her topic was "No More Business as Usual." She explained that this scripture validates every woman and that there is no respecter of person. The ladies were encouraged to think about how God has challenged us and that it should not be "business as usual." There is a mission for each lady, and we must find ourselves busy about the Father's business. What an inspiring message! A time of prayer, led by Ruth Jones from the Greenville First P. H. Church, followed.

Door prizes were awarded, and gift bags were available for each lady. Seven churches in the Greenville District contributed food, door prizes, and monetary gifts. Various individuals and organizations donated gifts for the gift bags. We were honored to have NCWM Director Mrs. Patsy Deese and NCWM Board Member Terry Boyette present. We appreciate everyone who attended and contributed to the rally. Surely the presence of the Lord was in the midst!

Ladies enjoy the meal.

Yvonne Jones presents Captain Segres with a gift basket from the district.

Greenville District Local Directors plan their rally.

A time of fellowship

Missionettes Leadership Training

On October 24 and 25, the North Carolina Girls' Ministries held their annual Missionettes Leadership Training at the Campgrounds in Falcon.

This year we changed things around a little. On Friday night, Ms. Jane Johnson from the Cumberland County Social Services spoke to us on dealing with problem and abused children. Ms. Johnson is a certified social worker who deals on a daily basis with children from all backgrounds, including the children from our own Falcon Children's Home. Our next speaker was our own NCGM board member, Mrs. Media Lee. She spoke to us about our stressful and busy lives (which includes almost all of us) and how to deal with stress while keeping God in our busy lives as well.

The traditional council fire (a/k/a "bond- fire") was held afterward, and Mrs. Janice Marshburn, NCWM assistant director, delivered the devotion. This devotion truly "bonded" us together and "burned" a message into our souls, making this beautiful evening bonfire all the more special. Friday night officially ended with an ice-cream social and a slipper contest. Prizes were awarded for the homeliest and most unique pair of slippers. (That's the nice way of saying, "Ugly" and "Pretty" slippers.) The yearly "unofficial Wal-Mart run" was made by some of the diehards who refused to go to bed before 3 a.m. "You Go, Girls!"

On Saturday morning, following a large breakfast, two breakout sessions were held for the first-time attendees and those returning for recertification. Bobbi McNeese and Nancy Roberson taught these classes. Our final breakout sessions were held on the individual Missionettes clubs, which provided information on everything from how to teach your class to crafts, fund-raisers, and games you can do with your girls.

Our final speaker, the highly popular Terry Whittenton, delivered a message on "Winning Children to Christ." This session was very popular, and he was requested to return next year. It was stated that MLTC stands for "Missionettes Leadership Training Course," but it was also mentioned that we were there because "My Love Touches Children." We pray that the focus on our girls never changes and that the ladies walked away with a renewal in their hearts and lives.

–Mary Clark, NCGM Secretary/Treasurer

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

It seems that we have so much going on today and are so busy doing so many different things that we've lost focus on what God wants us to do. Some time ago I wrote an article about being ready to quit. When we get caught up in going in so many directions, it begins to take an effect on us, and we feel like quitting. I think we need to be reminded again who has called us.

"REQUEST FOR TRANSFER"

To: Commander-in-Chief, Spiritual Armed Forces ... Jesus Christ

Dear Lord, I am writing this to You to request a transfer to a desk job. I herewith present my reasons: I began my career as a private; because of the intensity of the battle, You have quickly moved me up in the ranks. You have made me an officer and given me a tremendous amount of responsibility. There are many soldiers and recruits under my charge. I am constantly being called upon to dispense wisdom, make judgments, and find solutions to complex problems. You have placed me in a position to function as an officer, when in my heart I know I have only the skills of a private. I realize that You have promised to supply all I would need for the battle. But, Sir, I must present You a realistic picture of my equipment. My uniform, once so crisp and starched, is now stained with the tears and blood of those I have tried to assist. The soles of my boots are cracked and worn from the miles I have walked trying to enlist and encourage the instructed troops. My weapons are marred, tarnished, and chipped from constant battle against the enemy. Even the Book of Regulations I was issued has been torn and tattered from endless use. The words are now smeared. You have promised You would be with me throughout, but when the noise of the battle is so loud and the confusion is so great, I can neither see nor hear You. I love being in Your service. But I humbly request a demotion and transfer. I'll file papers or clean latrines. Just get me out of the battle please, Sir.

Your faithful but tired Warrior.

To: Faithful but tired soldier,
Spiritual Armed Forces.
Location: The Battlefield.
Subject: Transfer

Dear Soldier, Your request for transfer has been denied. I herewith present My reasons: You are needed in this battle. I have selected you, and I will keep My Word to supply your needs. You do not need a demotion and transfer. (You'd never cut it on latrine duty.) You need a period of "R and R" – Renewal and Rekindling. I am setting aside a place on the battlefield that is insulated from all sound and fully protected from the enemy. I will meet you there, and I will give you rest. I will remove your old equipment and make all things new. You have been wounded in the battle, My soldier. Your wounds are not visible, but you have received grave internal injuries. You need to be healed. I will heal you. You have been weakened in the battle. You need to be strengthened. I will strengthen you and be your strength. I will instill in you confidence and ability. My Words will rekindle within you and renew love, zeal, and enthusiasm. Report to Me tattered and empty. I will refill you.

Compassionately,
Your Commander-in-Chief...
Jesus Christ.
(Author Unknown)

God is faithful to His Word and what He has called you to do. So take time to be refilled by His Spirit and refuel on His Word, but don't retire! God isn't finished with you yet!

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A Good Place to Start

"For who that knows the power of Prayer but wishes to be often there?" (Charles Spurgeon)

A good place to start the year is purposing in your heart to live a lifestyle of prayer. Very early in my Christian life I understood that without communicating with God, my life and plans would be in vain. In order for you and me to have an abundant life, we must first have a lifestyle of prayer. Setting aside a time to seek God and pray must become a daily decision and priority. A true lifestyle of prayer is a channel tuned to God during our daily living.

We live in a world where communication has become increasingly desired and needed. By this we can acknowledge that man has a desire to communicate and considers it important. Communicating with God through prayer is not only beneficial but satisfying.

"So I prayed to the God of heaven" (Neh. 2:4)

We read in the book of Nehemiah about a man who decided to begin with prayer. Nehemiah had heard of the state of the city of Jerusalem, and the tidings he heard caused him bitter grief. (Neh. 2:3)

With this matter heavy on his heart, he did not begin to communicate to others about what they would do, nor did he draw up a wonderful scheme or plan. Instead, he made the decision that he would do something himself, and started to inquire of God.

"O Lord, I pray, please let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant" (Neh. 1:11)

He asked himself this question: What can you do? Nehemiah, what can you yourself do? Come, it has to be done, and you are the person to do it – at least, to do your share. What can you do?

Nehemiah resolved to set apart a time for prayer, and shared with God what was so heavy on his heart. Day and night he pondered the issue about the ruined walls of Jerusalem. He never had it out of his mind. I believe Nehemiah knew that the only way he would succeed was to have a lifestyle of continual prayer and sensitivity to God. The Word said he prayed during the day and evening. Nehemiah knew that his source was God. This was the only way he could get the job done. He was absorbed with one single passion, which was God's plan. As he sought after God, his life began to change from an ordinary man to a man of vision. He believed in his heart that God was the power and source he needed to restore and build up the people and city of God.

We see through this story that God gave Nehemiah an opportunity to do something great; his personal prayer life was a must in order to fulfill the imparted vision from God. How wonderful it is to know that still today God empowers, transforms, and reveals to man His plans.

As believers and children of God, we too in 2004 have an opportunity to seek God in prayer and do something great for His Kingdom. Our personal and corporate prayer life must be a priority in order to see souls saved, people's lives healed and transformed, families united, and churches being planted and revitalized.

This year, through the WIN Ministry of the N.C. Conference, we have set goals to enlarge the prayer life of the individual church, the conference, and the denomination.

This year, we wish to enlarge the vision by including our youth through TWIN, and our Hispanic congregation. Special dates for prayer have been designated by the denomination and the conference. They have been made available to you through the WIN Ministry. We also want to exhort you to remember the "Festival of Praise" that will be held in the months of May and June. I am also setting up a calendar for twelve churches in our conference to sign up for one day of the month to lead a prayer time at the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon, N.C. The Clinton Church has signed up to take the first prayer time in January.

Please write or call in order to sign your church up for this great time and opportunity to pray corporately for the move of God in 2004. Your participation in these times of prayer will transform not only your life but also the church of Jesus Christ,

A GOOD PLACE TO START IS WITH PRAYER.

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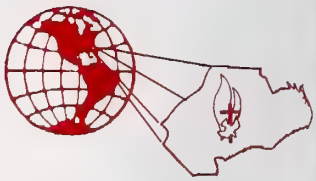


J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

There is much to praise God for in 2003 within the boundaries of the North Carolina Conference. There are numerous reports and testimonies of revival, breakthrough, and harvesting of souls across the conference. Praise Him for four churches organized: Hope Hispanic, Wallace Hispanic, Calvary Hispanic, and Damascus Road Anglo; start-ups in Elizabethtown, St. Pauls, Pine Level, Selma, Roanoke Rapids, Raleigh; received as an affiliate: Watha Fellowship; a restart which is indeed a miracle at Havelock; we're working with groups in Shallotte, Raeford, and Fuquay-Varina to bring them into our fellowship. As you can see both in established churches and in church planting, God is truly at work. He is *up to something* in this conference, and from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your response and concern this year. We already have plans in the works for three start-ups at the beginning of the year and three churches to be organized as well. I praise God for the positives and move on to the new year with new goals, a renewed vision, and a passion to see the Kingdom of God expanded.

I thank God for my conference superintendent and board, who strongly support Evangelism/World Missions Ministries. I also am greatly indebted to my Evangelism board, who are brethren of strong conviction and vision. Much of what gets done in Evangelism/World Missions would be handicapped without their input and labor along with each district unit who serve with them. The Hispanic Leadership Team, World Missions Committee, and Cross-cultural Committee also play an integral part in the expansion of the Kingdom in the conference.

As we are into a new year, I strongly urge and challenge every pastor to examine, if you have not already done so, your commitment to World Missions Ministry and to Evangelism Ministry. I am believing God and counting on our churches for a 10% increase in Missions giving for 2004 and a total of 10 new churches. With the potential prospect of expansion in Hispanic leadership, the possibility of 50 Hispanic churches is now well within sight. That in itself is exciting. Along with that prospect, there are a number of sites in the conference in which we must reach Anglos with the gospel. We have within our conference several ethnic groups who all need the gospel, and we must reach into the black community with the witness of the gospel through the IPHC.

Make your plans to attend the Great Commission Meals (formerly 3M meals), the classes (P.M. only) with Dr. Owen Weston on either Feb. 23, 24 or Mar. 29, 30. The subject will be "Churches Mothering Churches." I have several efforts planned during the year that will be of interest to the local church, yet I am reminded that we are here to support and assist the local church and pastor. There is so much more to say, and I don't have the space; however, pastors, my prayers and thoughts are with you as you plan and aspire for this year, and I pray that you will have your greatest year ever. Who knows? This may be the year our Lord returns. Remember all that you allow Him to accomplish through you is *an investment in eternity*!

Northwood Temple - Ukraine Trip

The "Cruel" Americans in the Bond of Love

by Cecille Booth, Team Leader

The Northwood Temple Missions Team departed the States on September 7, 2003, with many apprehensions, since we were told that the Ukrainian people had been told during the Communist regime that Americans were cruel, evil people. It was the first time that we had taken a team to Europe. We are a medical-evangelistic team that uses medicine as a "tool" for sharing the Gospel. We had many questions. Would the Ukrainian people receive us? Would we be able to get our equipment and medicine into the country? Would those things be confiscated? Would the people be receptive to the Gospel? Would we be successful in establishing a new church in Borodyanka as we planned?

We were to work in the Chernobyl area, where the nuclear plant erupted with radiation in 1986. (We found that nearly everyone had hypertension problems because of it, even the teens! Many have died from thyroid cancer and other maladies.) When we arrived, we felt that the Ukrainians were standing back to see how we would react to them. Most of the people that we saw in clinic were elderly. (When the people heard that we didn't have a pediatrician with us, they assumed that we wouldn't see children.) Our team hugged, held, kissed, prayed with, and ministered to these people in a way that I have never witnessed before on any of our teams. There was a real baptism of love on them! Our nurses went into home health situations where people were not able to care for themselves. I watched them hold these helpless patients, kiss their dirty faces, and give them first medicine and then the gift of eternal life. It was a marvelous sight. The

Ukrainian people so appreciated what we were doing that they brought gifts: apples, pears, cookies, candies, war medals, etc. They would kiss you energetically, starting with your hand, all the way to your shoulder. Or they would kiss your face all over.

After working in clinic and with the children in the schools during the day, we held services at night in a rented auditorium to establish a new church. The central church in Kiev, Central Hope Church, provided the praise team and pastor. They have planted 118 churches since 1991! Many of their new pastors came from those who were saved in their church drug rehabilitation program. They are constantly grooming people to establish new churches. The reason more churches are not planted is a lack of funds. Since their cultural mentality is not in tune with tithing, there has to be sponsorship for each new church so the pastor and his family can survive until the new members can be taught to give. This annual salary and expense budget is only around $3,600.

How does one go about planting a new church? During our visit, when patients came to the clinic, they were given the opportunity to hear the Gospel. They were told about the new church that was being established and were invited to attend. Many did attend and received the Lord as Savior. For example, a Muslim couple came to the clinic. When asked if they were Christians, they said that they were Muslim and not interested in Christianity. They received medicine and were invited to the church service. They came that night and were saved. They said that they had never seen such love demonstrated. There is story after story of wonderful conversions. The people were very receptive. The fields truly are "white unto harvest." We were privileged to be there to partake in it. The people were hungry for the Lord.

We learned much from our nine Christian Ukrainian translators. Some of them told us that when they became believers, they knew that they had to receive the Holy Spirit so they would be effective. No one had told them that. They prayed together for two weeks until their entire group had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. They were well able to quote the scriptures in Russian and English. Someone asked one of them how he knew the Word so well. He said that when he was a child, only one man in his village was a Christian. That man memorized the entire New Testament and would write out one chapter at a time. He would give it to the people of the village, and they would memorize it.

They explained that during the time of Communism, the evangelical Christians would meet in secret, mainly in the woods. If they were caught, there were severe consequences. The first offense would mean the loss of one month's pay. The second offense would mean jail time for six months. They were sent to a labor camp in Siberia for the third offense. What a price they paid!

Nadiya, one of our translators, told us that when Communism fell, it was not the Ukrainian Christians that evangelized because they were afraid of entrapment. She said, "It was the Americans that brought us the Gospel!" We must not let down on our responsibility to take the Gospel around the world. To whom much is given, much is required!

One of the conversion stories:

During a visit to a nursing home, we met Maria, who was a highly decorated officer in the Communist army at Stalingrad. She was given a private room and allowed to have her personal belongings with her because she was so honored. Her face was full of bitterness and hardness. When our team came to her room and asked her if she had accepted Jesus, she harshly said, "I don't think about things like that!" Jerry Perry, one of our nurses, went over to her and held her. They talked for a few minutes, and then Jerry left. Later Nadiya, the translator, was sharing the Gospel in a lounge on the hall. Everyone began coming out of their rooms to hear what she had to say. When she asked who wanted to receive Jesus and the gift of eternal life, Maria was the first one to raise her hand. What a change there was in her countenance when she invited Him in! She was a new creature. She gave Jerry her portrait from her military days. She wrote on the front, "To my sister on the day of my salvation, September 9, 2003." Needless to say, this is one of Jerry's most prized possessions.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

A Half-Century Servant

By Angela L. Stallings

In today's fast-paced society, it is almost impossible to believe that any one person does any one thing for very long. But in the small town of Kenly, North Carolina, one of God's servants has done just that – served his Lord for half a century. Mr. William Marvin Lewis, of Moore's Chapel PH Church, has attended Sunday school every Sunday morning for fifty years. In fact, each year the church has to special order his Sunday school pins because they are not readily available.

Marvin was born on May 18, 1916, in the same community he lives in now. Marvin was saved in 1951 under the pastoral sermons of Moses Thomas. Marvin served on the deacon board for 37 years, was an assistant teacher in the young children's classes, and sacrificed time, money, and hard work in the maintenance of the church grounds and the building of the fellowship hall.

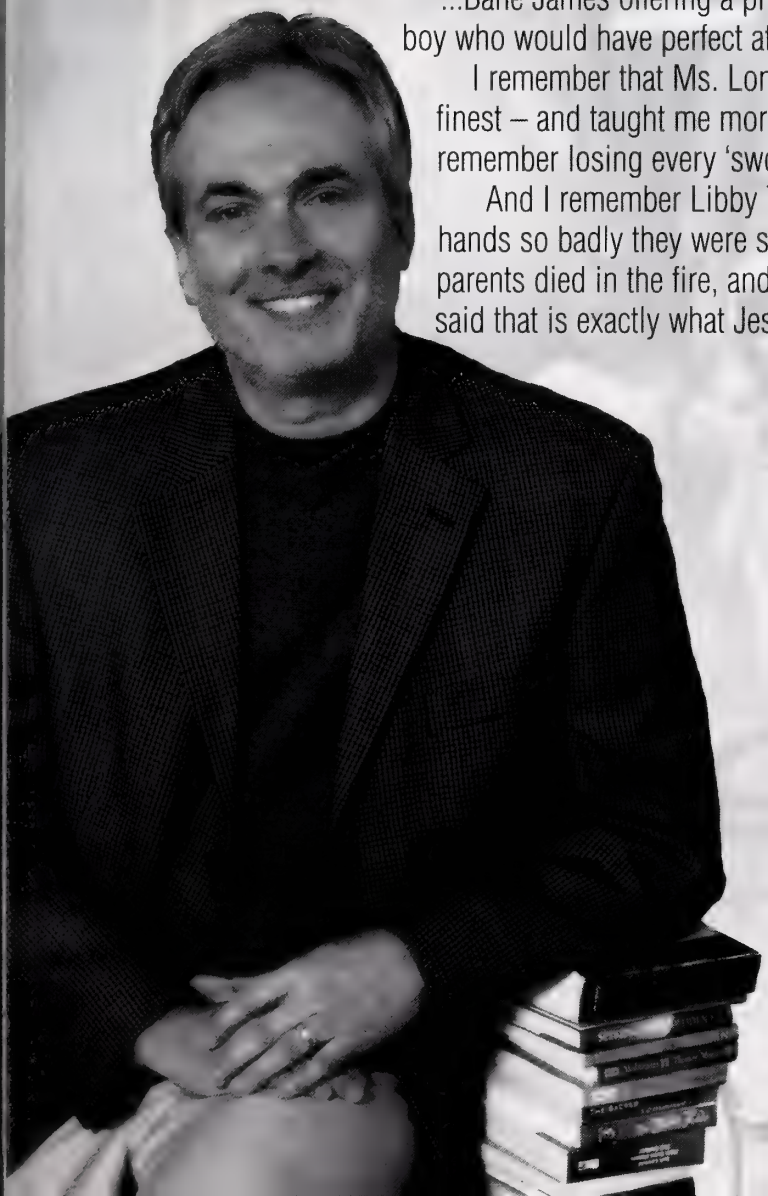
When asked how Marvin managed to attend Sunday School for fifty years without missing a single Sunday, he commented, "Through much sacrifice and effort." During the time his children were young, Marvin worked in Richmond, Virginia, for two years and Durham, North Carolina, for three years. He would come home every Friday to be with his family and attend his beloved Moore's Chapel Church.

While working in Raleigh on one job, Marvin found out it was going to require him to work on Sundays. Marvin tried to accommodate his employer to work overtime and any other days except Sundays, but when the employer would not cooperate, Marvin quit his job to honor what he believed was the Lord's day and not a day of work.

For most of his adult life, Marvin drove a bulldozer clearing land for major highways and developments. Marvin was part of the bulldozer team for the clearing of what is now Carter Finley Stadium, home of the North Carolina State Wolfpack. After retiring from C. C. Mangum Company, Marvin began and continues to work in his outside shop fixing cars, lawnmowers, and small machinery for friends and neighbors. He is also known to give an occasional haircut or trim.

Marvin recently lost his wife, Delphia Renfrow Lewis, to a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Delphia went to meet her Savior in May 2003. His family credits him with excellent care and love for his wife of fifty-plus years. Marvin continues to enjoy his two sons and their families, which includes five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

I remember...



"...Bane James offering a prize – a wood carving from Kenya – to the junior high boy who would have perfect attendance for that year. I still have it.

I remember that Ms. Long sat down at eye level – even wearing her Sunday finest – and taught me more about Jesus than I would learn in seminary. I remember losing every 'sword drill.' Some things are better forgotten.

And I remember Libby Todd telling a story about a fireman who burned his hands so badly they were scarred while rescuing a child from a burning house. Her parents died in the fire, and the fireman loved her so much he adopted her. Libby said that is exactly what Jesus would do for us. I cried when she told that story."

Gary W. Moon

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"But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation."
–Psalms 13:5

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

New J.A. Culbreth Auditorium

The N.C. Conference met in a special called session by the Conference Board on Saturday morning, December 6, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting proved to be a historical session – a defining moment of history. The conference voted without one dissenting vote to construct a "new" J.A. Culbreth Camp Meeting Auditorium.

Bishop James Leggett presided over the conference and gave a powerful devotion entitled "Yes, Lord." (He indicated the title was in no way calculated to sway the decision.) After the recommendation to build a new auditorium was offered by the Conference Board, the historical vote was taken. The rest is history.

The decision to build a new building was not an easy one. The board investigated every possibility. To renovate the old building and bring it up to code could cost as much as $1.8 million. The building was built in 1926. It started off as a camp meeting shed and was added to during the years. It is a special building and has greatly been used by the Lord. Yet God's work moves on.

J. A. Culbreth in writing his annual camp meeting letter in 1927 made this statement: "We took a long step forward last year in erecting the new camp meeting auditorium to take the place of the one destroyed by fire, and in doing this, we turned an apparent defeat into one of our greatest victories, and thereby won the greater respect and confidence of the public at large, who appreciates progress along the lines of higher ideals and successful achievement in life." It is obvious that our conference forefathers wanted to be on cutting edge of ministry and desired to obey the Father. This is our primary heritage, not just buildings.

Guidance from the past is available. As Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed the commandments of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts and done according to all he commanded you: Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before me forever" (Jeremiah 35:18-19). Remember the words of Paul, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

The new building will be named the J.A. Culbreth Memorial Auditorium. There is no decision on what will become of the old building. Probably in time it will be removed to allow for construction of a new dormitory.

The new building will be a multipurpose building. It will be used for camp meeting, ministerial training, youth camp, etc. It will be state of the art. Every possible use and adaptation is being considered.

The structure will be located on East Street behind the present auditorium. It will sit from the present Taylor House to within a few feet of the newly renovated Beige Dorm (old Blue Dorm). It will be approximately 27,000 square feet – 192 feet by 162 feet. It will seat some 2,100 people. There will be some eight rooms available for nursery (2), storage (2), and training (4). There will be two separate restroom areas containing men's and women's restrooms. A large sound and multimedia room will be available. The building will be built for worship/training, but can be used for other functions such as basketball, volley ball, eating, etc. The stage will be constructed for choir area, drama, etc. Two new parking areas will be adjacent to the building, comprising 60 total spaces.

The estimated cost of the building is $2.25 million. The conference presently has $1 million in loan fund profits that can be used. We will need to raise a minimum of $500,000. This would mean an additional $750,000 would have to be borrowed. Lord willing, more can be raised and less borrowed.

The Conference Board is presently working diligently to finalize the plans. Hopefully, fill dirt will arrive in March. The target date for completion is summer 2005.

The Lord is at work!

Special Note: In addition to this project, the Board is working on several other projects. The Blue Dorm renovation is now complete. Praise the Lord! It is beautiful and very functional. The Thurman/Goff House and 3.7 acres of land have been purchased. This purchase will allow for an Archives Center and new RV Court. Land behind the Octagon Tabernacle has been leased for a new recreational area – softball, putt-putt, volleyball, horseshoes, etc. A new town sewer system will be in place in 2005. Much is being done. What is the ultimate goal? The answer is souls and better training for ministers and laity.

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Rev. Elmer Rose Mooring

September 7, 1935 - December 30, 2003

Rev. Elmer Mooring, age 68, went to heaven on Tuesday, December 30. Celebration services were held Friday, January 2, 2004, at the Independence PH Church near Bailey, N.C. The church was filled to overflowing. Pastor Sidney Webb and Superintendent Chris Thompson officiated at the service. The local church furnished special music. Burial followed at the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Wilson.

Brother Mooring was converted at the Pikeville Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church in 1947. In 1967 he received his mission worker's license. In 1969 he received license and joined the N.C. Conference. He began pastoring immediately. He pastored the following churches:

Alert	8years	1967 – 1975
Bailey	7 years	1975 – 1982
Spring Hope	16 years	1982 – 1998
Independence	4 years	1999 – 2003

He was superannuated in 1998.

In addition to his ministerial work, Brother Mooring worked as a meat market manager for 45 years at Big Star and A&P.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Davis Mooring; two sons, Frankie of Maryville, Tenn., and Kevin of Pikeville, N.C.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He would have been married 50 years on June 15.

Brother Mooring was a bivocational pastor who was greatly used of the Lord. He was loved and deeply respected by all who knew him. Servant of God, well done! Your glorious warfare's past. The battle's fought; the race is won. And you are crowned at last.

Here was a man who suffered greatly but kept his faith strong. He never faulted in his trust and faith in the Lord. He will be missed.

–Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

Kenneth Wayne Clark

August 5, 1954 - December 29, 2003

Kenneth Wayne Clark was born in Wilson, North Carolina, to Vernon and Reatha Clark, who were then serving as pastors of the Shiloh Church in the North Carolina Conference. As most "PKs," Kenneth would be required to move around once in a while when his parents would accept the challenge of another pastorate. This was not all bad for this young, outgoing fellow, because he loved people and was delighted to make new acquaintances and develop new friendships. His parents were key people in ministering to hundreds during the camp meetings, youth camps, and other special occasions at the conference grounds in Falcon. They were in charge of the kitchen, and feeding people was one of their favorite things to do.

Kenneth was blessed with a brilliant mind and always did exceptionally well at all levels of his educational pursuits. Following his high school days, he graduated from Emmanuel College, where he made many new friends who have been faithful comrades all through his life.

He was saved when he was very young. Almost twenty years from the time of his birth, he felt the Lord's calling upon his life and joined the North

Carolina Conference. Two years later, he was ordained. Due to physical problems, Kenneth was hindered from accepting certain ministry opportunities as some of his other fellow ministers did, but he gloried in the accomplishments of his friends. He knew who he was, and he knew that God would do right by him. So he kept on trusting Him.

He accepted pastoral assignments in several churches ... Vicks Chapel, Scotland Neck, Micro, Abbottsburg, and Wade's Point. He also pastored one church in Alabama. At every church, he gave his heart in ministry, and God blessed.

Some weeks ago, he called his uncle to encourage him in the Lord. He talked about the hard places through which we sometimes have to go. He said, "Look where I've been to get where I am today." He implied that it often took some of the bad stuff to make it possible for him to be where he is. He repeatedly said, "God has brought me to a good place in life... God is blessing... I'm preaching... people are accepting the Lord!" And he said, "In a few weeks, I'm going to be married to a wonderful girl." He was happy.

Well, Kenny, God was not quite through. He had something better planned for you before you could realize all your wishes here. He lovingly promoted you to a better place with Him. After all, Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you, and where I am, there you shall be also." Kenneth, you're there, the envy of all of us left behind. Enjoy!

Rev. Wiley Clark
Uncle

The celebration service for Brother Clark was held at the Culbreth Memorial Church on Wednesday, December 31, at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Greg Long, Lumberton, gave pastoral remarks. I spoke of Kenny's service to the Conference and our personal friendship. Rev. Paul Brafford gave the primary message. He spoke of his relationship with Kenny as Jonathan and David in the Old Testament. Mr. Dion Gaskins, pianist and friend, Greenville First Church, sang and played. Some of the songs were written by Dion and Kenny. It was a glorious service.

Kenny was laid to rest in the Falcon Memorial Cemetery. The church was full of friends and fellow clergy. Though his time on earth was short, he made a difference! May the Lord bless in memory in our hearts.

–Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

Remembering

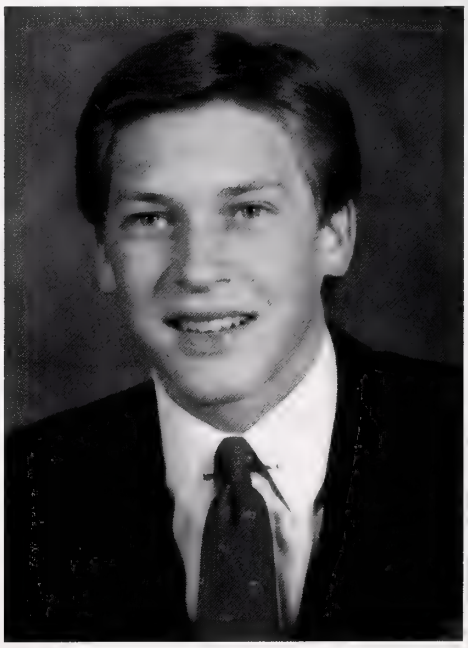
February 2 is the anniversary of the death of Kenneth (Ken) Harrell. Ken was the son of Roland and Phyllis Harrell. Rev. Harrell serves as the secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Conference.

The year 2004 will mark 20 years since Ken died in his dorm room at Emmanuel College of complications from viral pneumonia. Ken was 18 years old and a freshman at Emmanuel.

Roland and Phyllis and son Tim continue to express appreciation to their many friends for 20 years of compassion, prayers, and support that has created an environment of love and has made a loss that is never forgotten a loss that can be lived with until their family reunion in heaven takes place.

Ken is still remembered as a vibrant and caring young man who loved Jesus Christ supremely and wanted to be a servant of his Lord who could make a difference. He not only made a difference in his life but has left a testimony that makes a difference that years cannot erase.

Kenneth Wayne Harrell
May 14, 1965 – February 2, 1984



Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

The Trouble With Jesus

by Joseph M. Stowell. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2003. 164 pages.

The authentic Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven because He alone is the Savior of all mankind. Believe it or not, much of the postmodern world, influenced by advocates of religious diversity and tolerance, disagrees with that statement. The world has always been changing since the beginning of human history. After 9-11, the world as we know it changed drastically in ways that the church should be aware of and alive to because of the forces at work that seek to limit the influence of Christians and to stifle the only name under heaven among men whereby we must be saved. Indeed, these are definitely perilous times.

A staunch defender of truth and sound theology, Stowell stated, "Merging Jesus into a meaningless equality with other gods flies in the face of His rightful claim of preeminence." Without Jesus Christ, Christianity falls like a house of cards, but through Christ, all men can find the solution to their sin problem. All are born in sin. Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, was made to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Mohammed cannot do that, nor Mohammed's Allah. No man can save himself. Nirvana is not the answer. Mary the mother of Jesus can serve as no one's substitute for sin. Confucius had no power to save himself. Only Jesus can save.

Where does all this lead? As believers in Christ defend the exclusiveness of salvation through Him, we will find ourselves being demonized as intolerant and narrow-minded. Christians will find themselves isolated and shoved to a corner and branded as "outside the mainstream of sanity." Using the name of Jesus will become a crime one day. The devil hates the name of Jesus, and all those who lie in his lap hate that name as well. While we love to sing "What a Lovely Name," the name of Jesus will increasingly become a name no longer allowed in religious meetings and other venues. Is it too much of an alarmist view to say that the only way to come under the religious umbrella the world is promoting today is to deny the distinctiveness of Jesus Christ, and admit that He is only one of many paths to God and to heaven?

Stowell gives example after example of some religious leaders and others leaving the name of Jesus out. He cites references and quotes from leaders who warn about the dangers ahead. The late Bill Bright warned that the next generation of Christians may be the most assailed in our history. Could this be true one day in places like Watha, Warsaw, Pinkney, McGee's Crossroads, Grifton, Broadslab, Seven Springs, Bethel, Harker's Island, Spivey's Corner, Alert, St. Paul, or Oriental? I don't know about you, but I believe in my heart there are too many Pentecostal Holiness believers who will never be silent about the only name that saved their poor lost souls from hell. The Pentecostal flame that burns in our spirits will give us holy boldness to stand up and be counted when called upon to do so. How can we be silent about the Savior whose Sacred Head, sore wounded, suffered, bled, and died for us? How can these lips of clay refuse to open and speak His precious name when we know Him to be Christ, the power and wisdom of God? No man ever cared for our souls like Jesus. The Apostle Paul wrote, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha." The Lord Jesus will return soon. His coming and His judgment ought to bring fear into the heart of every person who does not know Him, and they should call on His name before it is too late.

According to the author, 9-11 proved that we are desperately in need of something bigger than ourselves. The problem lies in determining what that big something may be. Those who proclaim Jesus Christ as the only Savior are considered arrogant, intolerant, and divisive. As in the first century A.D., when Caesar and Christ were dividing men, so today neopaganism seeks to suppress the name of Christ. Stowell challenges the reader to engage the world as salt and light. He calls for five powerful commitments of the Christian: (1) Speaking up for Jesus, (2) Showing up for Jesus, (3) Reaching Out for Jesus, (4) Loving others for Jesus, and (5) Living for Jesus in consecration. He closes with a heartfelt appeal: "Touched by Jesus, you are commissioned to use your life to bless an often hostile, non-Jesus world with the undeniable reality of the power and presence of His love." Amen. Seize every moment. Redeem the time!

Preaching in Black and White: What We Can Learn From Each Other

by E.K. Bailey and Warren Wiersbe. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company, 2003. 182 pages.

The publication consists of a discussion between E.K. Bailey, the renowned black preacher of Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, and Warren Wiersbe, former pastor of Moody Memorial Church and general director of Back to the Bible, an author of over 150 books, as they consider the subject of preaching in light of the history, culture, and church tradition of black and white. The topics discussed include sermon preparation and planning, content and delivery, the preacher's heart, the problem of generic sermons, helpful publications on preaching, the use of illustrations, influential preachers of the past, and the differences and likenesses of black and white congregations. Also, a sermon from both men is provided in the book, along with an audio CD of Bailey's signature sermon, "Testimony of a Tax Collector."

What impresses this reviewer is the honesty and humility of both preachers. The warmth and mutual respect between the two men as they engage in conversation or table-talk is remarkable. In a way, it's as if you can pull up a chair with a cup of hot coffee and enjoy listening to these two respected giants talk about ministry and preaching, and the significant issues of our day. Both men share their many experiences as they have ministered around the word. Young ministers as well as veterans of the faith will profit from this amazing publication. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. (II Chronicles 16:9)

Dear Women of God:

This week I've found myself praying for the Lord to draw me closer to Him and to give me wisdom and direction to serve as your W.M. director. My heart is heavy for the local Women's Ministries. Several telephone calls have made me aware that the devil is alive and well, and he's using everything he can to cause conflict and confusion.

The mission of Women's Ministries is to reach people. We really are "all about people." It's not about you or me; it's how God can use us to reach others. We have to love one another. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:12-13).

My prayer is that the Lord will open our spiritual eyes and ears so that we see what we need to see and hear what we need to hear. I believe with all my heart that the Lord is soon coming, and we don't have time to waste. Yesterday is gone, and we have no idea what tomorrow may hold, but we do have today. We need to live today as if it's our last day. How are you using your time? Are you allowing the Lord to use you to minister to those around you? Be a friend today; someone you know needs a hug.

Someone has said that our actions flow from our attitudes, and remember, the Word of God shapes our attitudes. As we intercede for each other, please know that I'm praying for each of you as we work together to build His Kingdom.

With a heart full of His love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Harvest Train 2003: The Same, But Different!

The same, but different...this is a phrase my children starting using some time ago. It sounds like a contradictory statement; however, there are some things that it seems to describe perfectly. That's why I use it now to describe 2003 Harvest Train.

The weather was the same: cold! The same place: Falcon; the same time: 8 a.m. at the Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn. Seeing familiar, smiling faces and getting together with friends: these were the same, but always different! How?

Harvest Train is always special and always different. I knew that this Harvest Train would be special when I first received the poster and saw what the theme of the program would be. From childhood I have loved the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors, and I knew that Mr. Ben Minter would do a superb job of writing and directing the program as he has always done.

Superintendent Long, his wife Sylvia (I am so thankful that she could be part of Harvest Train), all the staff, and especially the children did such a wonderful job to make this the very best. Thank you!

Back to the "different": did you notice the new (different) caboose? And did you notice the way the offering was given, so very sacred and special? And were you aware, as I was, of the powerful anointing and divine presence of the Holy Spirit? When He is there, He is always the same, but He makes everything else and everyone else so very different. I wouldn't have missed it for anything!

Thanks to all the churches that decorated vehicles for the parade. The award for the best decorated vehicle went to the Lamms Grove Church in the North Carolina Conference and to Rosenbaum Chapel of Cripple Creek, Virginia, in the Appalachian Conference. Please start planning now to decorate your vehicle and join the Harvest Train Parade next year. It may be the same, but I'll guarantee you that it will be different.

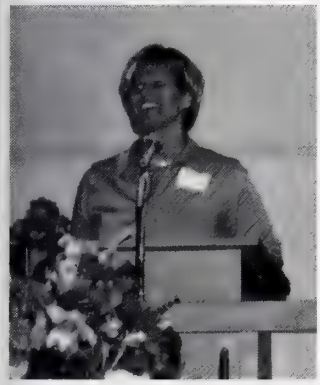
(Submitted by NCWM Secretary/Treasurer Marjorie Teachey)

"What Are You Wearing?"

This question was the theme for the New Bern District Rally held on Friday, October 10, 2003, at the New Bern First Pentecostal Holiness Church in New Bern.

The activities began with a delicious barbecue and chicken dinner catered by Smithfield's. The tables were decorated with assorted dolls and hurricane lamps.

As we gathered in the sanctuary, which was also decorated with beautiful dolls of all shapes and sizes, several members of the Holly Hill Women's Ministries presented an outstanding fashion show, using the theme, "What Are You Wearing?" (See if you can identify the ladies on the runway.)



New Bern District Director Anne Willis

Music was led by Mike and Gale Taylor as well as a special solo by Tabatha Fulford of the Lowland Church in Aurora. Rev. Patsy Vaughan, pastor of the Vanceboro P.H. Church, delivered a timely message of strength and encouragement.

New Bern W.M. District Director Anne Willis did an outstanding job with this rally. We appreciate her and the women of the New Bern District for their support and hard work. Job well done!

Mrs. Patsy Vaughan, Guest Speaker

Tabatha Fulford, Soloist

Holly Hill Women's Ministries Fashion Show Participants!

NCWM Retreat 2004

Program Theme: "The Fragrance of Jesus"
Featuring: Dr. Janice Sjostrand

Dr. Sjostrand is an educator, motivational speaker, and musician who has traveled throughout the United States and abroad speaking and performing. She has performed for President Clinton and members of Congress, opened for Ray Charles, and been credited by Barbara Streisand as the inspiration for her recording *Higher Ground*. She is also the composer of the song, "Alabaster Box," recorded by CeCe Winans and winner of a Dove Award.

Date: March 26 & 27, 2004

Time: Friday, March 26
Registration 3 to 7 p.m.
Service 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27
Service from 9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon

Place: Greenville Convention Center
303 SW Greenville Blvd.
Greenville, NC 27834

Hotels: Hilton Greenville (252-355-5000)
(Reservations must be made by March 4, 2004)

City Hotel & Bistro (252-355-8300)
(Reservations must be made by February 25, 2004)

Registration: $20.00 (If paid by February 15)
$22.00 (After February 15)

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The Missing Link

We all know how to go to God in our time of need. Most Christians believe in the necessity of prayer. Many seek the Lord diligently, coming to Him with tears, godly sorrow, and repentance.

We read in Psalm 27:8 how David was convmced of God's word.

"When thou saidst, Seek ye my face, my heart said unto thee, thy face, Lord, will I seek."

Many Christians are praying seekers of God, but let me ask you some questions:

1. Does God hear every child of His who cries out to Him?
2. Does everyone who comes to the Lord seeking His blessing and favor get an answer?
3. Do all who ask receive?
4. What about those who come to God with much fasting and tears? Believers who sometimes fast for 20 or 30 or even 40 days.
5. What about those who spend long, agonizing hours calling upon God? Are they heard for their diligence, determination of sincerity alone?

Sometimes we have the idea that all we need is more, more, more time shut in with God, more tears, more brokenness, more zeal for His word. Something within us urges, "If I could just fast more, pray more, cry more, then I'd be a better Christian, and God would answer my prayers."

David testified in Psalm 18:6,

"In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears."

The scriptures tell us that because David cried, God came down, thundering from the heavens: Psalm 18:7,9,13,16 –

"Then the earth shook and trembled… He bowed the heavens also,
and came down… The Lord also thundered in the heavens…
He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters."

I ask you, is that all there is to it? You simply go to God, cry aloud to Him, and He will hear and deliver you?

I believe there is a "missing link" in our prayer life!

Because of this missing link, we do not receive answers to many of our prayers: why our unsaved loved ones still haven't come to Jesus, why we go year after year without deliverance or direction.

The missing link is faith!

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

James instructs in James 1:6,7:

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."

If people entertain doubt, it doesn't matter how many rivers of tears they cry. They won't receive anything from God!

David was heard and delivered by the Lord not merely because he came to Him with tears. No, it was because David came with a heart full of confidence and trust in God! The Psalmist abounds with this man's testimony of total trust:

"Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped…" (Psalm 28:6,7).

Of course, God wants us to cry out to Him. He calls us to issue up gut-wrenching cries to Him from our innermost being. Yet he hears no such cry unless it is accompanied by faith!

David said in Psalm 33:20,21,

"He is our help and our shield because we have trusted..."

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust..." (Psalm 18:2).

David is saying here, "I will wait on the Lord; He's going to deliver me because I trust in His holy name!"

David states clearly that all of Israel's fathers, those who were delivered from the very beginning, were heard by God because they trusted in Him:

"Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded" (Psalm 22:4-5).

"...I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide" (Psalm 26:1).

David determined never to give up, because his trust was anchored in the Lord.

The anchor holds in spite of the storm!

Indeed, it was David's unwavering trust that moved God to deliver Him.

"For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling...
In God have I put my trust; I will not be afraid what man can do unto me." (Psalm 56:13,11)

Nearly every time David cries out to the Lord in prayer, we hear his testimony of trust:

"God hears me because I *trust* in Him! I cry out to Him with tears from the foundation of *trust* He has put in my heart."

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Loving God is pleasing Him and finding the missing link of prayer, which is faith!

Parts of this article were taken from *Times Square Church Pulpit Series* by David Wilkerson.

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"Partners in Ministry"

The Sacrifice of a Son

The time was the Roaring '20s. The place was Oklahoma. John Griffith was in his early twenties, newly married and full of optimism. Along with his lovely wife, he had been blessed with a beautiful, blue-eyed baby. With delight and excitement, John was dreaming the American Dream. He wanted to be a traveler. He imagined what it would be like to visit faraway places with strange-sounding names. He would read about them and research them. His hopes and dreams were so vivid that at times they seemed more real than reality itself. But then came 1929 and the great Stock Market Crash. So brokenhearted John packed up his few possessions and with his wife and little son, Greg, headed east in an old Model A Ford. They made their way toward Missouri, to the edge of the Mississippi River. There he found a job tending one of the great railroad bridges that spanned the massive river.

Day after day, John would sit in a control room and direct the enormous gears of an immense bridge over the mighty river. He would look wistfully as bulky barges and splendid ships glided gracefully under his elevated bridge. Then, mechanically, he would lower the massive structure and stare pensively into the distance as great trains roared by and became little more than specks on the horizon. Each day his dreams seemed further away.

It wasn't until 1937 that a new dream began to be birthed in his heart. His young son was now eight years old, and John had begun to catch a vision for a new life, a life in which Greg would work shoulder to shoulder with him, a life of intimate fellowship and friendship. The first day of this new life dawned and brought with it a new hope and fresh purpose. Excitedly, they packed their lunches and, arm in arm, headed off toward the immense bridge.

Greg looked on in wide-eyed amazement as his dad pressed down the huge lever that raised and lowered the vast bridge. As he watched, he thought that his father must surely be the greatest man alive. He marveled that his dad could single-handedly control the movements of such a stupendous structure. Before they knew it, noon time had arrived. John had just elevated the bridge and allowed some scheduled ships to pass through. Then, taking his son by the hand, he headed off for lunch. Hand in hand, they inched their way down a narrow catwalk and out onto an observation deck that projected some 50 feet over the majestic Mississippi. There they sat and watched spellbound as the ships passed below.

As they ate, John told his son, in vivid details, stories about the marvelous destinations of the ships that glided below them. Enveloped in a world of thought, he related story after story, his son hanging on every word. Then suddenly, in the midst of telling a tale about the time the river had overflowed its banks, he and his son were startled back to reality by the shrieking whistle of a distant train. Looking at his watch in disbelief, John saw that it was already 1:07. Immediately, he remembered that the bridge was still raised and that the Memphis Express would be by in just minutes. Not wanting to alarm his son, he suppressed his panic. In the calmest tone he could muster, he instructed his son to stay put. Quickly leaping to his feet, he jumped onto the catwalk. As the precious seconds flew by, he ran at full tilt to the steel ladder heading into the control house. Once in, he searched the river to make sure that no ships were in sight. Then as he had been trained to do, he looked straight down beneath the bridge to make certain nothing was below. As his eyes moved downward, he saw something so horrifying that his heart froze in his chest. For there, below him in the massive gear box, was his son. Apparently, Greg had tried to follow his dad but had fallen off the catwalk. Although he appeared to be conscious, John could see that his son's leg had already begun to bleed profusely. Immediately an ever-more horrifying thought flashed through his mind. For in that instant, he knew that lowering the bridge meant killing the apple of his eye. Panicked, his mind probed in every direction, frantically searching for solutions.

Suddenly a plan emerged. In his mind's eye, he saw himself grabbing a coiled rope, climbing down the ladder, running down the catwalk, securing the rope, sliding down toward his son, and pulling him back up to safety. Then in an instant, he would move back down toward the control lever and thrust it down just in time for the oncoming train. As soon as these thoughts appeared, he realized the futility of his plan. Instantly, he knew that there just wouldn't be enough time. Perspiration began to bead on John's brow, terror written over every inch of his face. His mind darted here and there, vainly searching for yet another solution. What would he do? What could he do? His thoughts rushed in anguish to the oncoming train. In a state of panic, his agonized mind considered the 400 people who were moving inexorably closer to the bridge. Soon the train would come roaring out of the trees with tremendous speed. But this, this was his son, his only child... his pride... his joy. His wife – he could see her tear-stained face now. This was their child, their beloved son. He was his father's, and this was his boy. He knew in a moment there was only one thing he could do. He knew he would have to do it. And so, burying his face under his left arm, he plunged down the lever. The cries of his son were quickly drowned out by the relentless sound of the bridge as it ground slowly into position. With only seconds to spare, the Memphis Express, with its 400 passengers, roared out of the trees and across the mighty bridge.

John Griffith had sacrificed his son to save those people on board the train. Could you?

God did.

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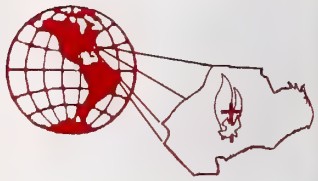

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

It is difficult to deal with the rapidity with which time passes; it seems only a day or two ago that 2004 came in with watch-night services, celebrations, football games, fireworks, etc. Pastors and their churches started looking to, anticipating, and working towards the greatest year ever in their harvest field. I pray that we do so with God-inspired vision and motivation. We have reason to be filled with praise and celebration for what God accomplished through the North Carolina Conference in 2003, and yet the potential for growth and expansion is tremendous. It is true that several churches closed during the year, yet we can't praise God enough for six new church start-ups, four churches organized, a restart, and an existing church received. There are also several church groups meeting that are not included in this list that we're working with to bring into the conference at the close of the year, and yet 2004 holds even more progress.

It is indeed a true statement that "the most proven and successful tool of evangelism for our time is the planting of churches"; it is in no way the only tool because evangelism is multifaceted. The harvest is truly plenteous, not only in areas within the conference without an IPHC witness or presence, but also within the outreach area of every existing church. I just want to emphasize the fact again that according to the 2000 census and the population estimates of Eastern North Carolina of 2002, there is **one IPHC church for every 16,400 people**. This is not saturation; yes, God has blessed us greatly; however, there is much to be done. When all the year-end reports have been compiled (because at the time of the writing of this article we're still receiving reports), there will numerous reports of churches growing and being revitalized, barriers broken, and communities being impacted by local IPHC churches. We have the greatest pastors and church families in the denomination; I say that without hesitation, so that inspires me to say that 2004 will indeed be a great year, our greatest ever.

Pastors, there are a couple of things I want to challenge you with for the year; first, if we are to plant churches in Eastern North Carolina, there must be the calling and raising up of church planters: men and women who are definitely called of God for this great challenge and potential. There must also be existing pastors and churches who accept the challenge to become sending pastors and "mothering" churches. 2004 is the year for our churches, as healthy organisms, to become pregnant and birth a child, accepting the joy and challenges of "mothering" a church. Pastors, join me in this prayer: "Holy Spirit, break in on our goals and plans for 2004 and deposit this vision and burden." Second, with such an abundant harvest in Eastern North Carolina, there is greater opportunity than ever to break through barriers this year. The 50 barrier, the 100 barrier, 200 barrier, 400 barrier, etc. It is an old saying – "Records are made to be broken" – and so are our barriers. We have materials to assist you in your march to break your barrier to build God's kingdom. Our calendars are filled; we've planned many activities to stimulate and motivate the church; however, we can't leave out the driving force, *prayer*; every church in the N.C. Conference must have the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit to bring about renewal, revival, and the harvest of souls into the kingdom. He *is* the difference. Our calendars can't become the driving force in all that we do as a local church; the driving force must be the Holy Spirit.

In World Missions Ministry as well as Evangelism (the two are inseparable), there is much to praise God for in 2003. I haven't received the final monetary totals from Oklahoma City, yet I believe when those totals are received, once again God will have used the N.C. Conference to lead the way in the denomination. To every pastor, thank you for your support and promotion of WMM. Thank you for informing and directing your people in challenging them to support, pray for, and give to the work of spreading the gospel to every human. I will list several of the categories of missions support and participation, and challenge every pastor and church to join me in implementation of that WMM ministry. We have several areas in which we as churches and individuals can be a part:

Faith Commitment, Global Outreach, People to People, Coffee House, National Missionaries, Operation Timothy, U.P.G.s (unreached people groups), Special Projects.

My conference goals for us are every church with a growing missions ministry; 100% participation in Faith Commitment and Global Outreach; to participate in as many areas of Missions support as possible; $290,000 in Global Outreach for 2004 ($268,000 in 2003); $1,450,000 in total missions giving for 2004; raising our per capita giving from $47.54 in 2002 eventually to $75.00. My goal is for this conference to become a $2,000,000 conference.

God, make every church in this conference a missions-minded and supporting church. Pastors, this hinges on us as the spiritual leaders of the local church. I close this article by saying sincerely, "Thank you for your support, and for your *investment in eternity*."

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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Marriage That Goes the Distance

Adrian Rogers likened marriage in America to beginning on a journey in an automobile from a starting point on a very high mountain and taking a treacherous and winding road down the mountain in anticipation of a valley of beauty and happiness below. There is a very long line of couples at the starting point, all anxiously anticipating the joyful journey that is before them. But as onlookers watch them make the journey, they are shaken and appalled to find out that one out of every three automobiles that start the journey never makes it to its destination, but encounters terrible accidents along the way, leaving it crippled and maimed for life, and leaving the little children it has picked up along the way crushed and mangled as well.

This is a bleak picture of the potential for marriages in America, but one of the tragedies is that the statistics for divorce among church members is equal to that of the population in general. Is there hope for marriage in the church and America today? Happy marriages don't just happen. God's Word is a roadmap that gives very specific instructions to us to help us negotiate the marital paths we take so that we will not only reach our desired destination, but enjoy the journey as well. By obeying God's principles for marriage, we can journey down the highway of happiness, but ignoring His principles will lead us down the turnpike to torment. Following are six biblical principles that are essential for marriages to be happy and go the distance.

1. Communication

The average couple in America today spends less than five minutes a day alone in meaningful conversation. At the same time, on average, a couple will spend more than five hours a day watching television. Some find meaningful communication hard. It is a learned skill. Failure to listen well is the greatest obstacle to communicating. Selfishly trying to stake out one's own position and demanding one's own rights are destructive to good communication. Colossians 4:6 says, "*Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt...*" Grace is giving to the other person good things even when he or she doesn't deserve them. When our communication is baptized in grace and absent of selfishness, the relationship is strengthened. Sometimes harsh words are spoken out of the emotion of the moment and prove very destructive to the relationship. Proverbs 16:24 says, "*Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones.*" There is strength in pleasant communication.

2. Consideration

Ephesians 4:2 – "*With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.*" Love is more than a fuzzy feeling. It is an action. Relationships need more than romantic feelings. They need heavy doses of kind and unselfish actions. Consideration means paying attention to what the other person is saying, showing common courtesies, and showing respect at all times. James 3:17 says "*...Wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.*" Do I lighten the load of my partner, or do I add to his or her burden?

3. Compromise

When it comes to moral values, we should be uncompromising. But when it comes to relationships, compromise is a selfless act of love. "*Love... seeketh not her own.*" Or as the *Living Bible* paraphrases it, "*Love... does not demand its own way*" (1 Cor. 13:5). Every marriage, no matter how strong, has conflicts and disagreements. Working through differences makes a marriage strong. More marriages die from inflexibility than alcohol, abuse, or adultery. Couples who learn how to abandon their own rights for the good of the relationship have long and happy marriages.

4. Courtship

Proverbs 5:19 – "*Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.*" God intended marriages to be full of romance, physical attraction, playfulness, and fun. "Couples that play together, stay together." If there were more courting in marriages, there would be fewer marriage courts. The acts that draw couples together should be continued after marriage. Every marriage partner should daily make their partner feel like they are the most important person to them in the world. Dating and romance should not end at the beginning of the marriage. Ecclesiastes 9:9 says, "*Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of thy life...*"

5. Commitment

"*'I hate divorce,' says the Lord... 'Make sure that you do not break your promise to be faithful to your [mate]'*" (Mal. 2:16). Too many don't know the meaning of commitment. We say in our vows, "for better or worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health," and yet too often they are the very reason marriages are ended. Commitment means a willingness to be unhappy until the problem is worked out, no matter how long that will be. That may fly in the face of our modern philosophies about life, but our happiness is not the highest goal; commitment is. A recent study at a secular university revealed that distressed couples who remained committed to their relationships and worked on their difficulties were happier five years down the road than those who chose divorce as a resolution to their problems. The grass is always greener where you water it.

6. Christ

Above all, commitment to Christ and His word is the greatest attribute to a long and happy marital journey. "*Your attitude [toward each other] should be the same as that of Jesus Christ*" (Phil. 2:5). Christ's love gives us power to go forward when human love wears out. Christ loved His church and gave up everything for the church. He made the supreme sacrifice for His church. He wants us to do the same for our marriages. What place does Christ have in your marriage? When two people are totally sold out to Christ, their marriage must of necessity be sold out to Christ.

–Rev. Dwight Dunning,
Family Life Ministries

Major change in Falcon Youth Camp!!

We will have four different camps this year, and please note the dates and grades for each camp.

- The first camp is High School Camp (grades 9-12) beginning Thursday, June 10, 2004, at 6 p.m. through Sunday, June 13, 2004, at 3 p.m. Warren Beemer will be the guest speaker.

- The second camp is Middle School Camp (grades 6-8) beginning Sunday, June 13, 2004, at 6 p.m. and ending Thursday, June 17, 2004, at 6 p.m. Mark Muirhead will be the guest speaker.

- The third camp is Omega Elementary Camp (grades 4-5) beginning Sunday, June 20, 2004, at 6 p.m. and ending Thursday, June 24, 2004, at 6 p.m. Randy Thompson will be the guest speaker.

- And the last camp will be Alpha Elementary Camp (grades 1-3) beginning Sunday, June 27, 2004, at 6 p.m. and ending Thursday, July 1, 2004, at 6 p.m. Puppet Love will be the guest speakers.

***Grades are based on the year before each camp, not the grade the camper will move up to at the beginning of the next school term. Notice that registration will begin at 6 p.m. for each camp.**

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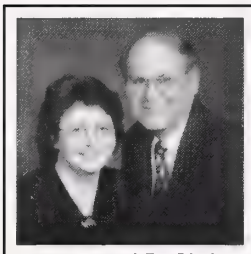
"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV



Betty and D. Chris Thompson

2004 Making Disciples

The theme for our General Church this year and next is "Making Disciples." All pastors have received some excellent material to aid them in leading their churches in this biblical endeavor. It is great material. Pastors, use it.

Below is an article from "our own" missionary, Linwood Berry (and Nancy) from Spain. It is a concept that is being used around the world now. Read it with an open and prayerful spirit. (Linwood and Nancy have been greatly used by the Lord. They have planted not only a church but a conference in Spain. Well done! They serve as regional ministry coordinators.)

Before you read the article, remember these upcoming "family" announcements.

Minister and Spouse Retreat
April 1-3, 2004
Founder's Inn, Virginia Beach, VA
Speakers: Barry McGee and Vickie & Emory Goodman

Retired Minister's Retreat
May 17-19
Cafeteria Training Center, Falcon
Speakers: Dr. Ronnie Carpenter & Others

Making Disciples in Spain: the G-12 Model

On a recent visit to France, a pastor asked me, "What is the essence of your ministry in Spain? If you had to describe in one sentence what you are doing, what would you say?"

Without hesitation, I responded, "Making disciples." Like many ministries, we did not arrive at that understanding overnight. At various times, we have felt our principal objective was either evangelism, cell church ministry, leadership training, or church planting. But when you examine the Great Commission, there is only one imperative: make disciples. All other activity is merely a specific phase of the process. The goal is to make a disciple who faithfully reflects and follows Jesus.

If this is true, then the measure of the effectiveness of our ministry must be the quality of disciples it produces. If we focus on making quality disciples, they will do the works of Jesus and build His church. Church planting will take place, and the church will grow. Not only that, but we will effectively close the back door and keep most of those we win in evangelism.

The IPHC churches of Spain use a very effective model to make disciples, the G-12 model. The name "G-12" means government of 12. It is a model based on the example of Jesus and his disciples. Each person is prepared to eventually reach and disciple 12 others.

This is accomplished by taking the person through a process called the "ladder of success." There are four steps on the ladder: winning the person to Christ (evangelism), consolidating him into the body of Christ (consolidation), training him to be a disciple of Christ (discipleship), and launching him into ministry to reach others for Christ (sending).

The key to the whole process is consolidation. In the consolidation phase, the new believer is made aware of what Christ has done for him; is taken through a time of healing, deliverance, and sanctification; receives the baptism in the Holy Spirit; and is baptized in water. Deep issues in his personal life are dealt with in a weekend "face to face" encounter with Jesus Christ. Before a person can receive in-depth discipleship teaching or be released into ministry, he must first go through the encounter. Once people have had an encounter with Jesus and been sanctified, it is not difficult to train them or motivate them for ministry.

Training is done in each church. A nine-month, practical school of leadership meets once a week for two hours. The first hour is focused on doctrine, the second on practical ministry. To graduate, the student must reach three people and plant a cell group with them. At the present time, we have 115 students in the school of leadership. Recently, 26 graduated.

This results in a dramatic change in the church. People become very serious about their commitment to Christ. Miracles occur, and growth is a natural result. Two examples: In March, we had an encounter for 53 men. Twenty-two were from one of our churches in Madrid. The following week, the pastor asked the men to give a testimony. As one of the men began to speak, he began to weep. He turned to his wife and said, "I know that I have not been a good husband. Christ has touched my life; please forgive me." Then he asked his two teenage sons to forgive him. They all began to cry. Then the power of God fell on the whole congregation, and everyone began to weep.

The pastor stood up and said, "This is what God wants to do in every family and in every life. If you have not received Jesus as Savior, why not come forward and receive Him now?" Forty-one people came to receive Christ that day: 20 women and 21 men. In the following two weeks, 16 more were saved. That made 57 new believers in just three weeks! The women who were saved then attended an encounter for women, and nearly every one of them was filled with the Holy Ghost.

In another church, one student in the school of leadership was given the assignment to write a letter to her family asking their forgiveness for the suffering she had caused them. The relationships in this family were very difficult, as the parents are not Christians. At first, she resisted this assignment, but finally was able to write the letter. Just as she completed it, her father entered the room, and she gave it to him. Overcome with emotion, the father showed the letter to the mother, and they both responded with brokenness. The whole atmosphere in this home has changed, and this family, once very resistant to the Gospel, is allowing Christian meetings in their home.

Seeing the dramatic growth that accompanies churches using the G-12 model, some people have suggested it is merely a church growth scheme or marketing strategy. Nothing of the sort! It is about making quality, sanctified, Spirit-filled disciples who will do the works of Jesus Christ. The gates of hell cannot prevail against a church like that, and church growth is a natural process.

– Rev. Linwood Berry

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EVANGELISM EXPLOSION CLINIC

Pastor John Hedgepeth, Northwood Temple, Fayetteville, North Carolina, is hosting an Evangelism Explosion Clinic for pastors and laypersons, April 26-30, 2004 (Monday through Friday).

This year's clinic is a 4½-day clinic. The cost is $395 per person. If three persons attend from the same church, the cost is $360 per person. This covers the cost of materials and all meals except lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Clinic teachers are furnished by Dr. D. James Kennedy, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

For more information, call E. E. International, 954-491-6100, and speak to Susan Baxter; or call Cal Maulden, Northwood Temple, 910-488-7474.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Great Preaching: Practical Advice From Powerful Preachers

Paul Woods, editor. Loveland, Colorado: Group Publishing, 2003. 191 pages.

Today's pastor is faced with manifold pressures from almost every angle imaginable. One such pressure is delivering the best and most effective sermon possible each and every time a sermon is preached. Such a challenge intimidates and can at times discourage the young minister, especially due to the demands of excellence. Valuable resources are available to help the minister step up to the next level of preaching. No pastor is alone in the struggle.

With undaunted and resolute determination, we must affirm that preaching has been and should be the primary task of the Church. Just as the Apostles gave themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word, preachers of the 21st century should do no less. If the responsibility of the Church of Jesus Christ is to continue what Jesus, the model anointed preacher, began both to do and teach, then preaching must continue. We are under a divine mandate to preach!

This publication serves as a compilation of various articles written by some of the better communicators in our country today, including Stuart Briscoe, Bill Hybels, Alistair Begg, John Ortberg, E.K Bailey, Warren W. Wiersbe, Gordon MacDonald, and others. Included in the fifteen chapters are insights, strategies, advice, principles, and encouragement relative to preaching that serve as an excellent resource for seminary students, people aspiring to preach, and other public speakers. As is the case in the majority of publications, the reader may not agree with some of the presupposi-

tions and statements made by the authors. But why throw out the baby with the bath water?

Some of the more insightful statements include [1] Expository preaching assures the congregation of enjoying a balanced diet of God's Word. [2] Preaching is the art of making a preacher, and delivering that! [3] The privilege of preaching demands our most serious preparation. [4] In preaching, we inform the mind and stir the heart, but we also need to bend the will. [5] When something can mean anything, it's simply another way of saying the word means nothing. [6] If we're going to experience lasting transformation through preaching, it will be the result of the Spirit's anointing of both pastor and congregation. [7] We do not pressure people into a response they might not be ready for and that could be counterproductive.

Compelling preaching transforms lives. Effective preaching is not simply information preaching, where the preacher as the big jug pours his message into little jugs, the listeners. Effective preaching consists of the Holy Spirit directing the credible message and empowering the credible messenger to proclaim the truth of God's Word so that people hear, consider, pray, and allow the Spirit of God to transform their lives.

I admit that my best sermon is yet to be preached. The preacher should always desire to improve, to enhance, and to hone his skills of preaching and communication. Good preaching is not aiming at nothing and hitting it every time. Good preaching consists of a purpose, a plan, and a summons to make a decision.

Postmodern Times: A Christian Guide to Contemporary Thought and Culture

by Gene Edward Veith, Jr. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books, 256 pages.

Postbiblical. Postmodern. Post-Christian. What do these words convey, and how do they relate to the Church of the 21st century? How does postmodernism affect the church, and what can we do to stand against the false tenets and yet embrace the idea of understanding this culture of thought, so we can be as effective as possible in reaching our world for Christ?

This is the book I have been searching for to help put postmodernism into perspective. Postmodernism as a worldview advocates that there are no absolutes and that everyone's opinion is of equal value. Like it or not, this kind of thinking is pervasive in our society, and in many ways, some Christians are embracing non-Christian concepts. Paul warned the Colossians not to allow themselves to be taken captive by philosophy. We must arm ourselves against postmodernism and seek ways to take advantage of its strengths and weaknesses.

The book consists of thirteen chapters and discusses how postmodernism has affected thought, art, society, and religion. As such, postmodernism embraces chaos because it denies truth, meaning, and individual identity. We see this in modern thought, art, society, and religion. The author does a very good job of stating the problem and gives the reader an adequate explanation of how postmodernism affects the world. We must understand our times. The Apostle Paul knew the culture of his day, as he manifested by quoting philosophers from memory, using their terminology, and comparing their views from a Christian perspective. Should we expect anything less from Christian leaders today? By understanding the prevailing culture, we are better equipped to counter it and proclaim the sufficiency of Jesus Christ where they, the postmodernists, are most vulnerable.

Here's the rub: Christians claim the Bible is the infallible and inerrant Word of God, possessing absolute authority and speaking authoritatively on all matters of faith and practice. Postmodernism denounces such a view. J.I. Packer saw this conflict in this way: "The truth is that because we have lost touch with God and His Word, we have lost the secret both of community (because sin kills neighbor-love) and of our own identity (because at the deepest level we do not know who or what we are, or what we exist for)." There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death! *Tolerance* is the buzz word for postmodernism. Tolerance of all other viewpoints and tolerance of all religions become a paramount mandate within the postmodern mind-set.

For the Christian, since there is a God and since His Word is absolute, objective, and infallible truth, Christianity is by its very nature "exclusive." The Christian worldview states that Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father, therefore the only way to heaven, and that no one can go to heaven other than by the exclusive "blood-sprinkled way." The Christian faith, therefore, excludes all other religions, considering them illegitimate and immoral. Postmodernists would call this arrogance and bigotry.

The Apostle Paul put it in the right perspective when he wrote, "Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:20-21). The world by its intellectualism knows not God, but for those of us who believe, the fact that Jesus Christ, as the Son of God, suffered, bled, and died on a Roman cross, was buried in a virgin tomb, and on the third day rose from the dead, is enough. Happy Reading!

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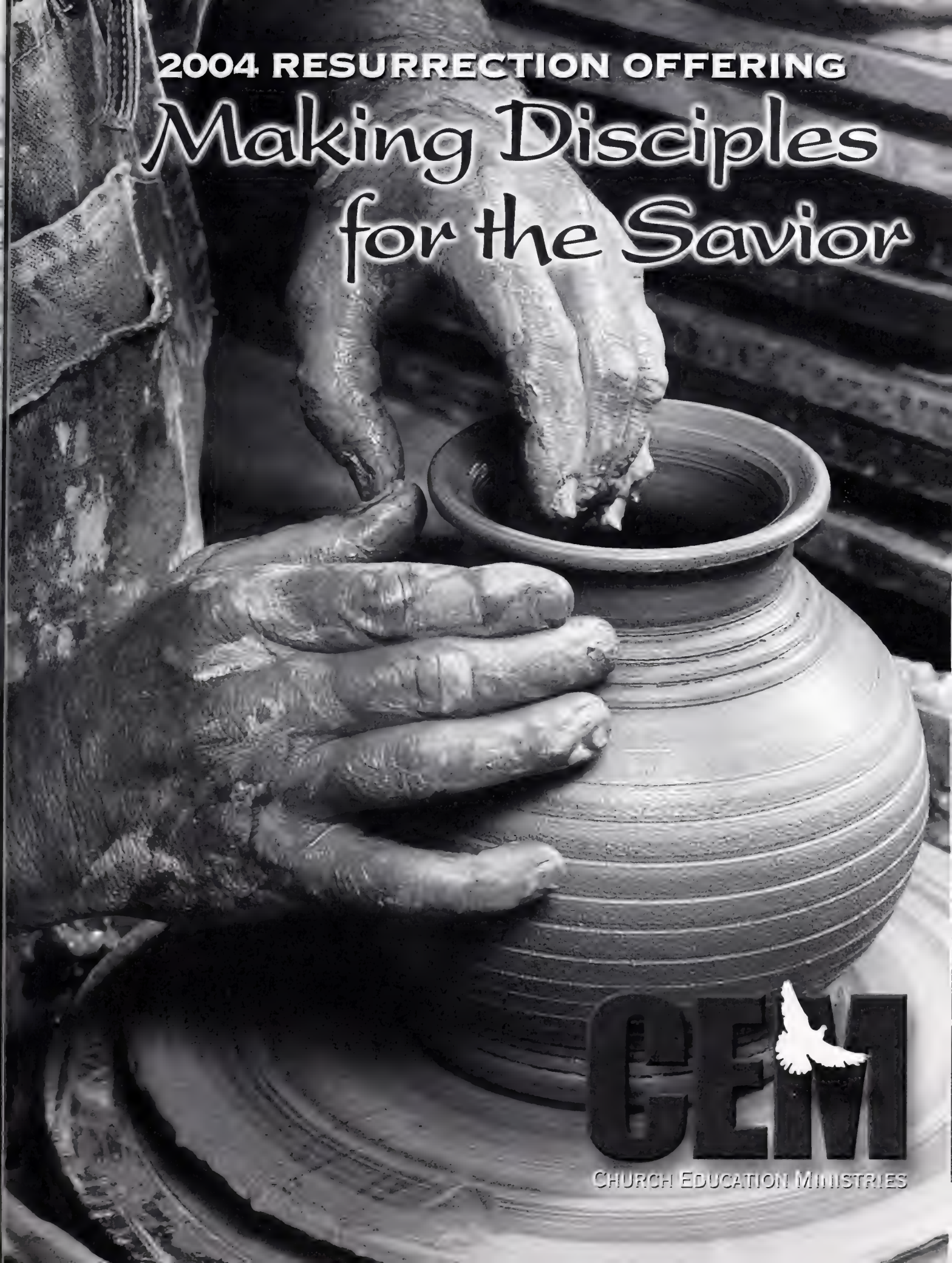

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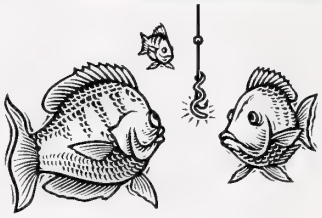


Patsy's Paragraphs

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13)

May I ask you a question? ***How big is your pan?***

The story is told of two men who went fishing. One man was an experienced fisherman; the other wasn't. Every time the experienced fisherman caught a big fish, he put it in his ice chest to keep it fresh. Whenever the inexperienced fisherman caught a big fish, he threw it back. The experienced fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing this man waste good fish. "Why do you keep throwing back all the big fish you catch?" he asked.

The inexperienced fisherman replied, "I only have a small frying pan."

Sometimes, like that fisherman, we throw back the big plans, the big dreams, the big jobs, and the big opportunities that God gives us. Our faith is too small. We laugh at that fisherman who didn't figure out that all he needed was a bigger frying pan, yet how ready are we to increase the size of our faith?

Whether it's a problem or a possibility, God will never give you anything bigger than you can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything God brings our way.

You can do all things through Christ that strengthens you – Philippians 4:13.

Nothing is too big for God! Don't tell God you've got big problems. Tell your problems you've got a big God!

May the Lord bless each of you as we go after ***"the big fish"!***

In His Love,

PotPourri

Keep Your Salad Crisp...

Leftover salad can get limp from the moisture that accumulates in the lid of the container in which it is stored. To keep it crisp, put a paper towel in the container before sealing it. The paper towel absorbs the moisture.

Faster Food...

On those hectic nights, you can get dinner on the table in a hurry if you make your meatloaf in muffin pans. Mini-loaves will cook in about half the time.

Cleaner Vases...

If your vase is too narrow to get your hand inside to clean it, fill it halfway with a solution of dishwashing liquid and water. Add some uncooked beans and shake. The beans will scrub off any dirt on the bottom of the vase.

NCWM Leadership Seminar 2004

Lois Trueblood, "Fish Eye's View"

The 2004 NCWM Leadership Seminar is now history, but we're hopeful our leaders on the local level will use the new and fresh ideas that were shared at this seminar. The theme, ***F.I.S.H. (Fresh Ideas Start Here)***, was evident all around the Family Life Center at Clinton. Fish, tackle boxes, boots, gloves, nets, paddles, and fishing gear were the setting for this seminar.

Our district directors were in place, helping approximately 300 women as they began registering at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 31. They were welcomed with some hot coffee and donuts, which were prepared by the Clinton Women's Ministries under the leadership of Mrs. Deanna Barney. We later had a wonderful bag lunch. We appreciate all their hard work and dedication to Women's Ministries. Thank you to Bobbi McNeese for helping get the goldfish and glass bowls for us. (They were later used as door prizes for the local directors.)

NCWM Assistant Director Janice Marshburn shared the devotion, "Women are Called," focusing on the story of Jonah and the big fish. NCWM Board Member Lois Trueblood, in her session, "Fish Eye's View," shared with us that we need a "new vision." NCWM Secretary/Treasurer Marjorie Teachey, in her session, "Think Upstream," challenged us to "remember that God put each of us when we are." NCWM Board Member Terry Boyette, in her session, "Think Outside the Bowl," helped us realize "that the Lord will work it all out."

Terry Boyette, "Think Outside the Bowl!"

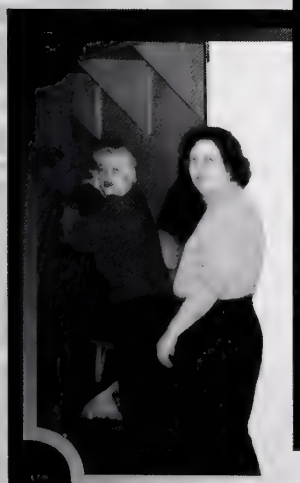
Margie Teachey, "Think Upstream"

Mrs. Deese, NCWM director, closed the sessions with "Together We Can Make a Difference." Why do fish swim in schools? Because there is safety in numbers. We need each other, and we can accomplish more by working together as a team than we can as a solitary man (woman).

A special thanks goes to Rev. Patsy Vaughn and Rev. Janice Marshburn for the hilarious skit, "Friday, Friday, Going Fishing in My Dodge Ram Hemi Powered Pickup Truck." It was *sooo* good! We had a great day, and we want to thank you for participating.

Plans are already being made for the Leadership Seminar 2005. Mark the date, January 29, 2005, on your calendar.

Mrs. Phyllis Harrell showing off her new "Fishing Hat"!



Mrs. Deanna Barney and her ladies cleaning up!

Rev. Patsy Vaughn and Rev. Janice Marshburn, "Going Fishing!"

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"Partners in Ministry"

Secret Sins

Late night visits to "dirty" Internet sites you'd die if your friends and family knew about; furtive stops at bookstores in towns where you think you won't see anyone you know; pay-per-view movies rented in hotel rooms and paid for at the desk so no one knows what you were watching....

The ways of sneaking into the lustful world of pornography are many, yet all are just as damaging. This "secret" sin is destroying the lives of many men, including Christians, and ruining many homes. Instead of turning our heads and pretending no one *we* know could be engaged in this addictive, destructive habit, I think it is time we get it out in the open! This devastating, debilitating attack of Satan on men is not going away unless we do something!

I would like to share seven things with you concerning what we must do every day to safeguard ourselves from this trap of the devil (or any other trap he may set for us, for that matter):

1. **Decide** to follow God's principles for how to live your life. You must make a **conscious** decision to choose God's way. But then you can trust that He will stand by those who stand by Him.

2. **Choose** each day to serve God. Start each day by meeting God in prayer and Bible study. Doing so prepares you to listen for His guidance and helps you walk through the day being mindful of Him.

3. **Know** your areas of weakness and **avoid** them! Don't let Satan hit you unexpectedly where you're vulnerable.

4. Don't try to serve **two** Masters. You can't serve the gods of this world and the God of the universe at the same time. In Matthew 6:21, Jesus warns that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

5. Protect your **thought** life. God calls you to guard your mind as one of your prized possessions. That's one reason why, in Philippians 4:8, He commands us to think on **good** things. After all, your mind determines your actions.

6. **Beware** of what you **see** with your eyes! Don't be deceived by the visions of your eyes. As appealing as it can be, what the world offers leads to **death**!

7. Be careful about the **little things** of life. Little things have a way of becoming big things, so don't compromise your godly standards in the slightest. Stand strong in God, whether the issue is big or small.

If you are entrapped in Satan's web of pornography and lust, help is available. There is **no sin** our God will not forgive, and no bondage from which He will not set us free! Admitting you have a problem and confessing your sin are the first steps. Finding a mature Christian brother who will hold you accountable is next in defeating the devil.

The North Carolina Conference Men's Ministries is **always** available to serve you and meet your needs. If you are struggling with the secret sin of pornography or any other sin, we want to help you find God's way out. Call me at (252) 523-8380.

God is **able**!

NOTES: Mark your calendar for a weekend not to be missed! September 10 and 11 will be our 2004 Men's Advance! This year's theme is "Let your light shine!" Don't miss this opportunity to be blessed and to grow in God!

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A Voice That Is Heard

Does God hear my voice when I'm in distress and I pray in anger?

Does He understand that it's hard for me to form the right words at this difficult time in my life?

Does He respond the same way when at times I don't quote the Word, but just pray from my heart?

Christians frequently ask these questions during a time when they are experiencing the wilderness or a dry place. The word of God tells us, "Be ye angry, and sin not" (Eph. 4:26). We all know that anger is a God-given emotion and is to be expressed in the correct way. We need to understand that God is honored when we are honest and transparent with Him. God understands the difficulties we have in expressing ourselves in these times of fragility and weakness. I believe God hears the voice of His children in spite of the turmoil and confusion they feel on the inside.

> "Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer" (Psalm 4:1).

Our relationship with God is so intimate and personal that we can be ourselves. He knows all about who we are and the sincerity of our hearts. Even in times when we don't understand our circumstances or the dealings of God, He continues faithful in His love towards us. The Word tells us that his love is steadfast, and He loves us with an everlasting love.

> "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee" (Jeremiah 1:3).

Remember, God is for you, not against you, and He hears your voice. He wants to fellowship with you at all times and seasons of your life.

You are a voice that is heard.

Think for a moment about your own children or maybe a loved one. Do you listen only when they do right or show no emotions? Do you listen whenever they talk?

Those we love, we listen to. "***Speak, for I am listening***." God is always listening for the voice of His child.

I am a voice that is heard.

"I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech" (Psalm 176).

Take time to pray, no matter how you are feeling spiritually, emotionally, or physically. God is attentive to your voice.

He cares. He hears. He answers.

SPECIAL TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer at the Octagon Tabernacle

All local churches, WIN captains, and pastors are asked to participate and organize a time of prayer at the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon, NC.
This special time of prayer will be held once a month.
This will be a time for unified prayer.
The prayer of agreement is a powerful weapon.

Churches signed up are:

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"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

I will take a detour from the normal Missions and Evangelism information and use my space to discuss and challenge you with a subject that is a growing concern to me as I travel around the conference. For the last three years, the book of Acts has been a growing source of challenge, motivation, and instruction in my life and ministry. No matter how many times I read the chapters of this powerful book, or just a few verses, there is almost always some new bit of information or inspiration that I pick up. Recently, while I was reading Acts 2:42-47, a familiar lesson was driven home to me again. Verse 42 says, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and ***to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer."*** Through the years of my ministry, especially from the time I graduated from Holmes and entered the pastorate, I have highly valued times of fellowship, eating with, and praying with fellow ministers. Over the years, I have learned to look up to, respect, and gain much insight and wisdom from ministers and pastors who traveled the path before me or with me, and though all situations are different, I have grown by sharing fellowship with them. I highly treasure the lasting bonds, friendships, and the great times of fellowship I have developed with the church families I have pastored and with many others all across the conference and denomination, and yet there are many times when I have come together with fellow ministers to have fellowship, to eat together, and to pray together. A number of characteristics run through the book of Acts, and one of the more consistent ones is the realization of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers that it was vital that they have fellowship with one another. Fellowship, getting and being together, was a priority, along with eating together and praying together. Just one of the incidences of the value of fellowship is recorded in 4:23-31. Verse 23 states that when Peter and John were released from their appearance before the Sanhedrin, they "went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priest and elders had said to them." This was a time of testimony, mutual praise, conversation, and powerful prayer.

As stated at the beginning of this article, one of the things I see that concerns me is that in the midst of all our activity(ies), ministers are in many instances missing out on the opportunity and strength-building value of fellowship. In a number of areas across the conference, there are consistent efforts and opportunities for fellowship, eating together, and prayer. Perhaps ministers feel that they don't have time, or that "no one is really concerned about me, my ministry, or my church," or maybe, "I'm just a number." If I have given anyone a reason to feel that way, God forgive me, and will **you** forgive me as well? Fellow ministers, take advantage of the privilege to fellowship: initiate a weekly, monthly, consistent fellowship time, meal-time, prayer time with other ministers and their spouses. We need this to stay fresh, to build relationships, to encourage one another, to inspire our Evangelism and Missions ministry, and I could go on with other reasons to encourage fellowship. God help us as conference leaders to build and strengthen relationships and fellowship with the ministers and spouses of this conference. Go ahead, call two, three, or four ministers, and have that breakfast or cup of coffee and spend some time in prayer for one another. Take the time at least once a month to go out to dinner with other ministers and spouses. I heard a statement several weeks ago that has made a lasting impression on me: "The North Carolina Conference is not just 198 churches. It is one church in 198 locations." We are together in this great venture, so we need one another. Don't isolate yourself or barricade yourself within your own world of ministry. *"They devoted themselves....to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."*

1. Reconciliation Workshop
2. Global Outreach Uses
3. "Churches Mothering Churches"

Workshop – March 29 and 30, 2004
Time: 7-9 PM nightly
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Instructor: Dr. Owen Weston

RECONCILIATION MINISTRY

JAIL / PRISON / INMATE FAMILY / AFTERCARE

This is a ministry of local Pentecostal Holiness churches to inmates, former offenders, and their families.

You are invited to attend a Reconciliation Ministry Workshop which will be held on Saturday morning, ***May 1, 2004,*** from 9:00 a.m until 12:00 noon, at the Culbreth Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church in Falcon, N.C.

Mr. David Canady will be speaking to us. He represents **Yokefellow Prison Ministry,** Winston Salem, N.C., and serves as president to the board of directors. During Yokefellow Prison Ministry meetings, volunteers visit and talk with prison inmates in small groups. They listen to the inmates' problems and concerns, and seek to build relationships. As volunteers give inmates the gift of time, attention, and care, they help inmates bear their burdens and become "yoked together" with them. This often opens doors of opportunity to share the Lord Jesus Christ.

Would you like to get involved in prison ministry, or do you know someone who would like to get involved? Becoming a Yokefellow volunteer would be a great way to become a part of prison ministry. Pastor, thank you for sending a representative from your church to this workshop.

"*I intreat thee also, true yokefellow*" (Philippians 4:3).

REPORT OF LAST RECONCILIATION MINISTRY WORKSHOP

The meeting was held on Saturday, November 15, 2003. Mr. J.P. Smith (Northwood Temple) gave us a fantastic devotion. Ms. Janice Schoew and Ms. Donna Taylor gave us updates concerning the Reconciliation Ministry of the Capital Church. Mr. Jon Cone shared with us the aftercare ministry of T.A.N. (Transition Aftercare Network). Our main speaker of the day was Cumberland County Sheriff, Earl "Moose" Butler, who spoke to us about jail ministry. It was great!

I look forward to seeing you on May 1. Please contact me so that I can add your name to our newsletter's mailing list: Steve Enloe / 3124 Phillies Circle / Fayetteville, NC 28306

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Filtering Out the Garbage

Suppose this morning you received a call from your neighbor inviting you to their house for dinner tomorrow evening. You accept the gracious invitation and spend the day anticipating a great time of fellowship and a delicious meal. You have heard that your neighbor is a true gourmet and has the gift of hospitality.

Tomorrow morning arrives, and you hear the usual rumble of the garbage truck, for this is pick-up day. Glancing out the door, you notice something quite strange – your neighbor has flagged the driver to stop and is even now digging through the garbage. Once your host for dinner has filled a grocery-sized bag, she stops by the ditch and fills a couple of empty milk jugs with water. Off to the house she walks as you duck behind the door so as not to be seen.

After a day of questions, you arrive next door at the invited hour. Approaching the dining room table, your most horrific fears are confirmed: fine china has been filled with what appears to be partially rotted, molded food scraps, and the monogrammed goblets are filled with murky water. How can this be? Would your neighbor actually serve garbage and ditch water? Are you expected to eat this slop?

Something similar to the above scene happens in thousands of homes, businesses, schools, and even churches every day. No, you are not being served recycled salad; however, garbage can flood into your life without warning or invitation. The Internet is a wonderful invention that God has given us to be better stewards of time, information, and even the Gospel message. Sadly, man has perverted God's gift and used it for sinful purposes.

Just as we would avoid eating the meal described above, we must be diligent to guard our own homes from Internet garbage. Without exception, if Internet access is provided in our homes, churches, or businesses, we *must* have some kind of Internet filter to block the unwelcome garbage. Below is a list of some Internet filter Web addresses. Check them out, and don't take another chance on sitting down to a plate of garbage.

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A Renewed Vision for the New Century of the N.C. Conference

Pentecostal Holiness Convention Center
Falcon, North Carolina

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

The N.C. Conference traces her roots back 106 years. She has an illustrious history of ministry. Presently there are 198 churches and nearly 27,000 church members. Much has been done, but much remains to be done. We are in a new century. It is time for a "Renewed Vision."

The New Vision is the same as the old – the full gospel for all people. In reaching these people with Christ, it is necessary that the campus facilities be upgraded and expanded. That is the purpose of this entire fund-raising effort.

Our forefathers were individuals who wanted to do the work of God and reach their generation with the evangelized message of holiness and Pentecost. They were not interested in building monuments. Neither is present leadership. Our desire is to build buildings that will facilitate our mission. Hence, the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium was born. This building will be a worship center, yes, but also a multipurpose building.

Our feelings are those of our predecessor and benefactor, J. A. Culbreth. *"We took a long step forward last year in erecting the new Camp Meeting Auditorium to take the place of the one destroyed by fire, and in doing this, we turned an apparent defeat into one of our greatest victories, and thereby won the greater respect and confidence of the public at large, who appreciate progress along the lines of higher ideals and successful achievement in life... I sincerely thank every member and friend for the help and cooperation given in reducing our obligations, and I hope that we may be able to pay off the entire amount this Fall, so that we may be free to go forward in the finishing of this building." J A. Culbreth - President of the Falcon Camp Meeting Auditorium Association, letter dated August 1, 1927.*

The building will seat over 2,000 (choir not included). The overall size will be 162' by 192'. (The present building is 120' x 120' and seats 1,100-plus).

In addition to the building, some other accompanying projects will be needed. A new RV court will be needed. This will be on newly acquired land across from the conference office. A new recreation field (softball, basketball, volleyball, putt-putt, horse shoes, etc., will be needed.) This field will be on the newly leased land behind the Octagon Tabernacle. New parking lots will have to be designated and prepared.

The cost of the building plus accompanying projects is presently estimated at $2.5 million. The building itself will cost $2.3 million. The conference has some $1 million to apply to the cost. This amount will come from the Ministerial and Church Extension Loan Fund profits. Some $750,000 will need to be raised. Hopefully, the annual Loan Fund profits will make the payments.

I am presently challenging each clergy member of the Conference to give a tithe of his or her tithe for three years (2004, 2005, and 2006). The same challenge is being issued to each church. We will then need countless numbers of our friends and church members to contribute. Members of the Falcon Camp Meeting Association need to rise to the occasion again. TOGETHER we can raise the funds needed.

On May 29, 2004, Annual Conference, every clergy member and local church will be asked to give their pledges and offerings. The Lord has directed this Renewed Vision. It can be accomplished.

Superintendent D. Chris Thompson
NC Conference, Pentecostal Holiness Church

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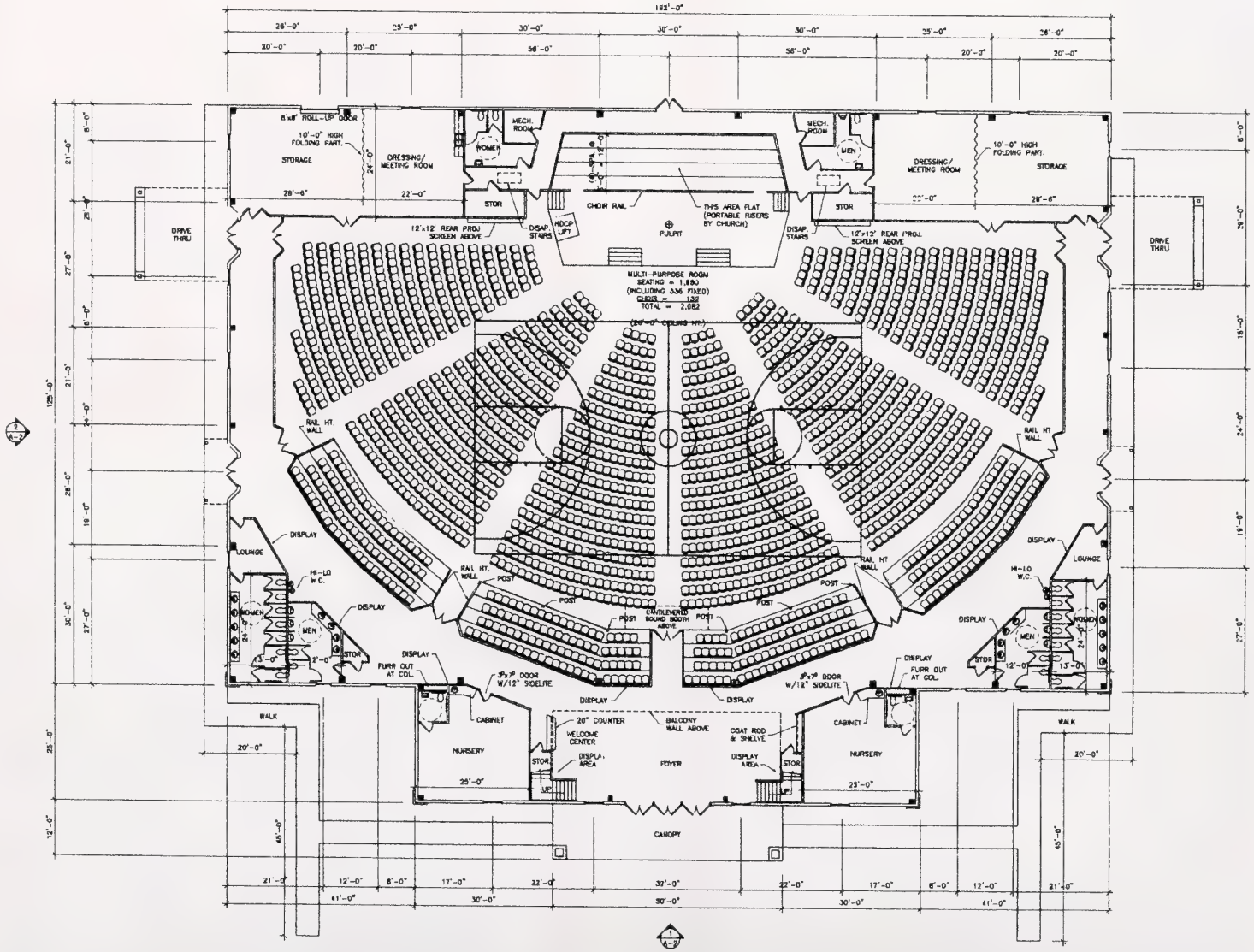

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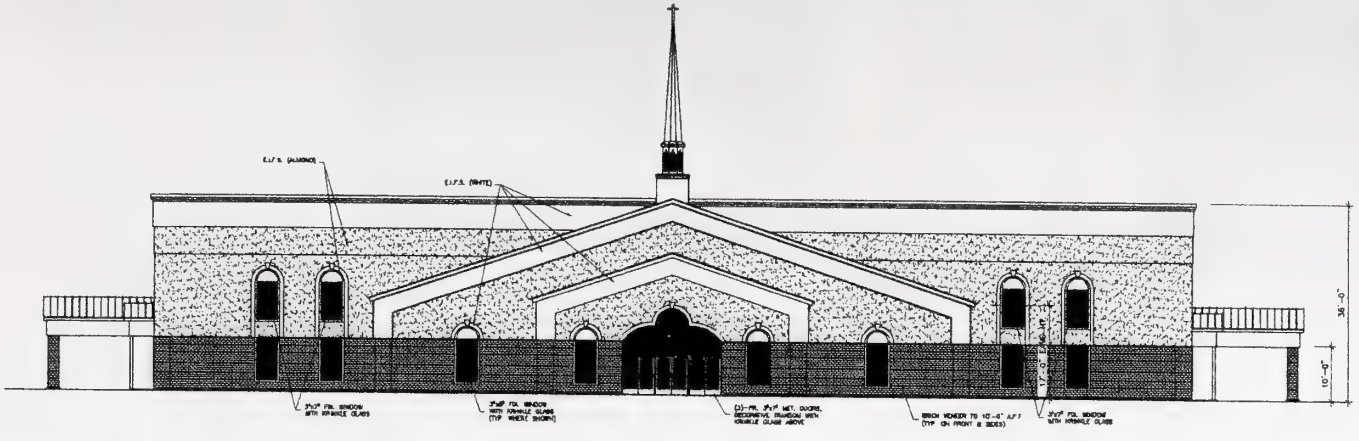

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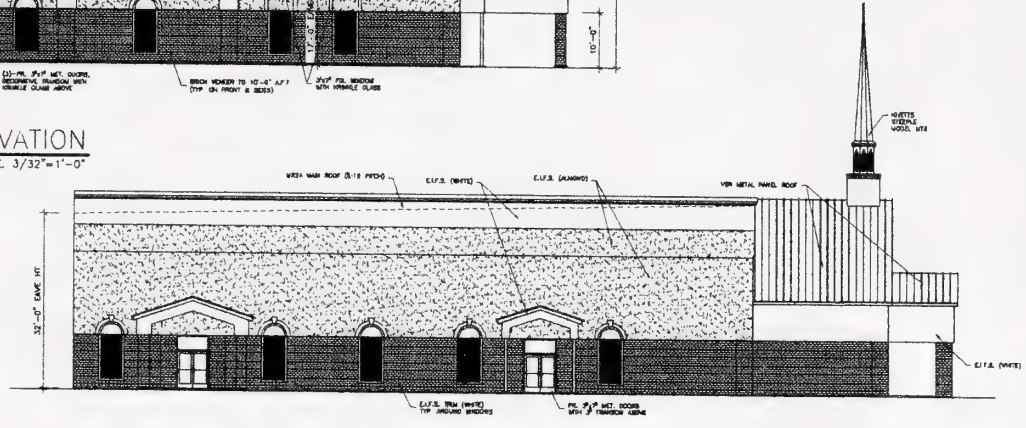

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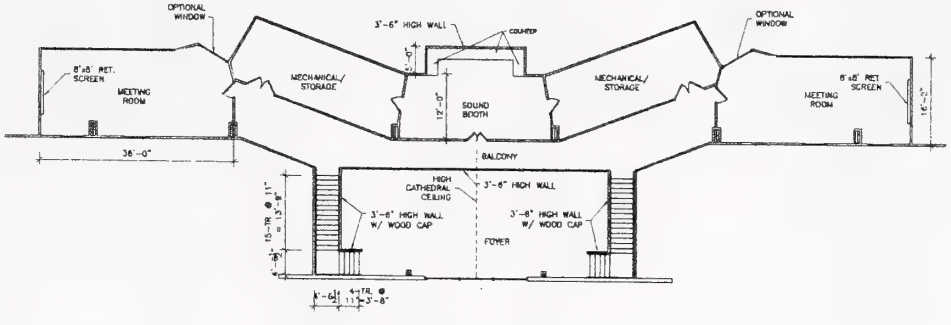

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Rev. Thomas Bizzell	**May**	**20**
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Rev. Royce Beacham	**May**	**29**

The King's Klowns Ministries

Merrybow and Bopper are products of the husband and wife team of Rev. Allen D. Thomas and Mary Bo Thomas. Seeing a need for Bible-based Christian education and entertainment, this enthusiastic couple responded to God's call into children's ministry eight years ago. They traveled full-time for two years ministering up and down the East Coast. Rev. Thomas is a licensed minister with the IPHC and now serves full-time as the children's pastor at Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn, N.C. Mary Bo is a former theatre arts teacher who now ministers in the home as a homemaker and home-school mom to the couple's six children. "We truly believe that God is raising up special ministries all over the world to reach people for Christ. There is a definite need for the "Joy of the Lord" and laughter in the body of Christ. God is stirring His people to become more active in reaching lost souls. In addition to clowning, Rev. Thomas also comes equipped with several zany characters he uses to bring excitement and fun to any church service. These crazy characters could show up at any time bringing a fresh approach to presenting the Gospel.

November 23, 2003, the Niagara Pentecostal Holiness Church, Kenly, N.C., was the setting for the 50th wedding anniversary and renewing of vows for Rev. Lotis and Esther Ruth Joyner. Many friends and family filled the church to help celebrate this special occasion.

Lotis and Esther Ruth Joyner
November 23, 2003

Lotis and Esther Ruth were married November 23, 1953, in Spring Hope, N.C., by Rev. Wiley Vick.

Mrs. Esther was escorted down the aisle by her brother, Raomie Green. She spoke words of love to her husband, after which he sang to her "God Gave Me You." Before the exchanging of vows, Kathy

Helms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, and their son Eugene sang "Only God Could Love You More." The renewing of vows was officiated by Rev. Vick, after which their son-in-law Rich Helms sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The ceremony was beautiful, and there is no doubt these two people still have the same love and respect for each other as they did 50 years ago. Rev. Ronnie Carpenter, a longtime friend, gave the closing comments. He spoke of how they had touched his life and of their influence on his life.

Niagara Church hosted a reception for the couple immediately following the ceremony. Home-cooked barbecue, a specialty of Donnie and Donald Willoughby, was served with all the trimmings. Debra Wall of the church baked the wedding cake. It was a special day for two special people. They are very deserving of the best.

Pastor Lotis Joyner and Esther Ruth came to the Niagara Pentecostal Holiness Church in March 2002 after our former pastor, Rev. Doner Lucas, went home to be with his Lord. Since their arrival, our church has seen an increase in membership and attendance. Pastor Joyner still preaches the Word of God as it is given in His Word. Each department has shown improvements, and among the accomplishments is the paving of the church parking lot.

Rev. Joyner is one of the hardest-working pastors we have ever known. He loves people, and he has compassion for the lost. We feel very blessed to have him and Mrs. Esther. They are very loving to everyone, but greatest of all, they truly love what they are doing. Their children, Eugene, Starlette, and Kathy, along with their families, have also been a blessing to our church.

Pastor Joyner is not afraid to get his hands dirty. Whatever needs to be done, he will help. He will go to whomever or wherever God shows him there is a need for prayer.

We love them and appreciate their faithfulness to God and to our church.

–Janice Massengill

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Hard to Believe: The High Cost and Infinite Value of Following Jesus

John MacArthur. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, Inc., 2003. 215 pages.

Broad is the way that leads to destruction. Narrow is the way that leads to life everlasting. The idea of "broad" some would have us to believe is the broad way of sin. It is the path of the criminals, the thieves, murderers, rapists, and habitual liars. No doubt a life of sin leads to destruction, but in the context in which Jesus spoke, the broad way included something that those of His day refused to accept. The broad way of religion is just as wrong as the broad way of loose living. The broad gate may say "Heaven," but it leads to hell. The entrance to hell for some is from the portals of heaven.

MacArthur, in typical fashion, opens a can of worms and reveals the hideousness of false religion, and how it is that so many today follow that deadly, deceptive path. Advocating that the divine intention of the gospel has been prostituted, and the glory of God has been replaced with the satisfaction of man, the author maintains that man-centered religion can be hazardous to one's health. Could it be possible that thousands think they are on their way to heaven, when in fact they are on the broad way through the church doors that leads to destruction?

The author claims that the masses of people do not care for the total, absolute self-denial message of Jesus Christ. Some will strive to enter the narrow gate, but will be unable. Why? Because it is hard to find, and it's hard to get through. The price of following Jesus is self-denial, self-crucifixion, and self-submission. The message of Jesus Christ has not changed through the centuries. But what is the message being preached today in pulpits across America? Could it be that we are guilty of popularizing Jesus' unpopular message by changing it to fit the palates of seekers so that our houses will be filled?

MacArthur states, "The kingdom does not advance by human cleverness. It does not advance because we have gained positions of power and influence in the culture. It doesn't advance thanks to media popularity or opinion polls. It doesn't advance on the back of public favor. The kingdom of God advances by the power of God alone, in spite of public hostility. When we truly proclaim it in its fullness, the saving message of Jesus Christ is outrageously offensive. We proclaim a scandalous message. From the world's perspective, the message of the cross is shameful. In fact, it is so shameful, so antagonizing, and so offensive that even faithful Christians struggle to proclaim it, because they know it will bring resentment and ridicule." Every God-called minister would agree with this statement. These are perilous times. Men have become lovers of themselves, and the Church is pressured into conforming to the desires of consuming men. Christianity Lite is rapidly becoming the norm of the day!

What is to be our response to the cultural and sociological forces that threaten the mission of the Church? Surely it is not legalism. Legalism stifles and kills. Legalism as straitjacket Christianity has no attractiveness about it at all when analyzed correctly. Christianity isn't about rules so much as it is about a relationship with Jesus Christ. No, we don't need to become staunch legalists, but we must stay firm and loyal to God's message. Another Gospel is unacceptable. Worldly methodologies ought to be rejected at all costs. Refuse to compromise.

The Apostle Paul made it clear that not all Israel is Israel. An outward Jew does not make an inward Jew. Similarly, not all Christians are Christians. Nominal Christianity is Christianity in name only. An outward Christian does not guarantee a reality of faith. It is not enough to admire Jesus or to appreciate Him. He must be Savior and Lord of one's life.

The broad way of religion narrows into a burning, blazing pit, but the narrow way of following Jesus Christ opens up to a wonderful place called Heaven. In that beautiful place called Heaven, there will be much room and space. The pasture lands will be endless. The still waters will be plentiful, and it will be worth it all, some day. Let's keep doing what we have always been doing, that is, faithfully preaching the whole Word for the whole World, and let God measure the success by His standards. Let's pray for our denominational leaders. They should never stand alone in the gap for truth and justice. Let's stand with them, pray for them, and trust the Lord. Let's pray for our pastors who faithfully, week after week after week, preach the unadulterated Word of God to our congregations.

The Passion of Jesus Christ

John Piper. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books, 2004. 127 pages.

The recent movie directed by Mel Gibson has taken America by storm, and controversies abound. My answer to those who ask my opinion of the presentation is to give it a hundred years, and that will determine the value of it, at least in part. The preaching of the Cross ought to be more powerful than a movie. We are not saved by a movie, but through the Cross of Jesus Christ. For those who understand the Roman world and mentality in the days of Christ, the movie may not have depicted the gore and severe treatment enough, as it was in reality during the final days of Christ's passion. Hollywood's version rarely, if ever, is God's version.

John Piper, Reformed to the core, has written a book that includes fifty reasons why Jesus suffered and died. All fifty reasons are biblically based. He offers insights into each passage that deals with a reason for Christ's suffering and death. The author makes it clear that the fifty reasons are not fifty causes, but fifty purposes. The passages answer the question, "What did God achieve for sinners like us in sending His Son to die?"

It is wrong to blame the Jews only for the death of Jesus. Sure, they were responsible, but only in part. Every human being born on this earth, except one, was responsible for the death of Jesus Christ. The Father gave His Son, Jesus gave His life, the Romans nailed Him to the tree, and the Jews cried out, "Crucify Him; Crucify Him!" But make no mistake, you are just as responsible. Our sins, all of our sins put Jesus on the Cross.

I highly recommend this publication to our readers. You will not be disappointed.

Paul: His Life and Teaching

John McRay. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2003. 479 pages.

McRay, professor emeritus of New Testament and archaeology at Wheaton College Graduate School, has written this book as a reflection of the college courses he taught at Wheaton and his 27 trips to the Holy Lands studying Paul's world. It is written as a college textbook. It was not written with the scholar or critic in mind. The book serves as a wonderful addition to Bruce's classic, *Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free*. Providing much technical information and giving good insight into the man, the Apostle Paul, and the experiences he encountered as a Messianic Jew carrying the Gospel to the Gentiles. It is an excellent book, worthy of the cost. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)

Dear Women of God:

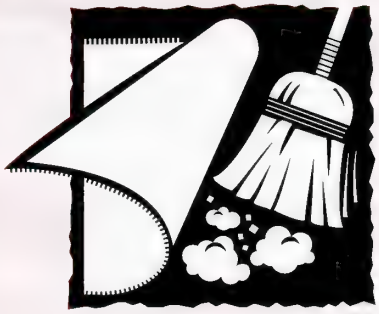
How many times have we sung the words, *"It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,"* yet in our spirit there is no real joy. Do you know that "joy" is more than being happy when things are going well? True joy is a deeper sense of contentment that stays in your heart despite your circumstances. Real joy is possible only through Christ. People with true, Spirit-filled joy have a positive outlook on life, and medical studies prove what the Bible already tells us in Proverbs 17:22 – *"A merry heart does good, like medicine. But a broken spirit dries the bones."* (Sometimes I feel as dry as a bone, and I have to go back to the Source of my Salvation.)

Here are a few ways that a joyful and positive attitude will impact your health:

1. People with a positive attitude toward aging live longer than those who dread growing older.
2. Individuals with a positive, joyful spirit are more likely to stick to their commitments to good health even during challenges or plateaus.
3. Women with deep joy are less likely to experience severe depression.
4. People with a positive attitude have a stronger immune system and are less likely to get colds, the flu, and other illnesses. When they are sick, they recover more quickly.
5. People with a positive, joyful spirit walk taller, smile more often, have more energy, and are less fatigued.
6. A positive, joyful spirit leads to higher quality relationships.
7. A joyful spirit allows you to accept yourself for the person God created you to be. (Copied from *Journey,* February *2004*)

May the joy of the Lord fill your soul, put a new song in your heart and a spring in your walk!

In His love,
"Mrs. Patsy"



HOUSEHOLD TIPS...

Dishwasher

If the inside of the dishwasher looks dingy, run the machine empty with a cup of white vinegar instead of dishwashing detergent.

Bookcases

Once a week remove dirt and dust that collects around book spines with a small natural bristle paintbrush.

Under the kitchen sink

Once a month remove everything you have stored under the sink and wipe surface down thoroughly with a bleach-based cleanser and paper towels. Allow the area to dry completely before you start putting items back.

Remote controls

The germs you can't see can hurt you. Once a week use a few drops of rubbing alcohol on a soft cloth to wipe down remote controls.

(*Women's Day*, March 2004)

SPOTLIGHT

FOR APRIL...

We would like to take this time to "Spotlight" our Happy Hearts director, Rev. Blanche Pollard. Blanche lives in Mt. Olive and is a member of the Thunder Swamp P. H. Church. We appreciate her willingness to serve in this capacity of Women's Ministries.

The first Senior Citizens Women's meeting was held on Thursday, October 6, 1994, at Holt's Lake Restaurant in Smithfield. Happy Hearts was a fulfillment of a vision of former NCWM Conference President Mrs. MaryBelle Johnson. The purpose was food, fun, and fellowship. Approximately 50 women gathered for this first meeting. Now, due to the growth of the Happy Hearts and with the assistance of Marjorie Teachey and Margaret Potter, we have three regional meetings. The meetings are held twice a year, in April and in October. If you haven't participated, please make plans to meet in your area either April 5 in Clinton, April 19 in Greenville, or April 26 in Smithfield.

If you have any questions about Happy Hearts, feel free to contact Rev. Pollard by writing 123 Tar Heel Drive, Mt. Olive, NC 28365, or call 919-658-6714.

Thank you, Blanche, for your commitment to this ministry. We love you!

What is "W.E." Night?

The Women's Ministries of the Pikes Crossroad Church can answer that question... Lib Whiteside, local WM director, decided to do something different for her Women's Ministries, so they invited all the ladies to enjoy a night of "Women's Entertainment," a night of pampering, relaxation, and rejuvenation. The cost was only $1.00 at the door.

The activities included manicures, foot massages and pedicures, shoulder and back massages, mini-facials and make-up tips, swap & shop (the ladies were encouraged to bring an item to swap, or they could just shop), book borrowing (they were able to browse around and check out books to read at home), and free herbs were available to spice up their cooking!

Refreshments and door prizes were also added to the activities. Everyone left feeling very special. Thank you, Lib, for sharing a great idea!

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, May 1 – Directors' Council, Falcon, NC
- Thursday, May 6 – National Day of Prayer
- Saturday, May 15 – Girls' Ministries Retreat, Falcon, NC
- Saturday, June 5 – NCWM Convention, Falcon, NC

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

Higher Ground

A few weeks ago, my wife and I joined a group of people from our church for a three-day, two-night ski trip to West Virginia. When I was asked to prepare a devotion for Thursday night, it came into my spirit to look at the mountains from a biblical viewpoint.

The three words *mount, mountain, mountains* are used collectively over 600 times in the scriptures. God choose the higher ground to be the stage for the most significant events that occurred in the Bible.

In Genesis 7, the flood carried Noah's ark above the highest mountain.

In Genesis 22, God told Abraham to go to the mountain and sacrifice his son, Isaac. As you know, because of his obedience, God promised Abraham his descendants would be as numerous as sand on the seashore.

In Exodus 24, Moses was called by God to come up on Mount Sinai. There he was given instructions on how to build a tabernacle for the Lord. He was also given the stones that contained the Ten Commandments.

In Deuteronomy 33, Moses died on the mountain called Nebo.

In Judges 7, Gideon defeated the Midianites with 300 men from the hill of Moreh.

In 1 Kings 18, on Mt. Carmel, Elijah called upon the Lord, and fire fell from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, wood, stones, and 12 barrels of water. Because God proved himself by fire, 450 prophets of Baal were slain.

In Matthew 4, Satan took the Lord into the exceeding high mountain and offered Him the kingdoms of the world. The Lord replied, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shall thou worship."

In Matthew 5, the Lord went up into a mountain and taught the multitudes the scriptures known as the Beatitudes.

In Luke 23, we are told of the crucifixion of Christ on Mt. Calvary.

In Acts 1, Christ ascended into heaven from the mount called Olivet, a Sabbath day's journey from Jerusalem.

When we as Christians see the mountains, we should be reminded of the awesome power and glory of the God we serve. His thoughts are higher then our thoughts; His ways are not our ways.

Men, it is time for us to seek a higher-ground experience. Be the spiritual leaders of your churches and your household. Support your local church through Men's Ministries. Reach out to those men around you who are not saved. To see men saved must be the ultimate goal of Men's Ministries. I know most of the men in our conference have seen and heard about the blessings, good fellowship, promise and worship enjoyed by the women at their retreat in March. If you want to experience those same feelings, plan now to attend the Men's Advance at Falcon on September 11 and 12. There is something very special about a group of men praising and worshiping God; don't miss it. We were created to glorify God; let's not miss our calling. Let us look unto the hills whence cometh our strength.

–Jack Nicholson
Grace Family Fellowship

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Prayer for the Family

We need to take a look at what our society and its pressure are doing to the family. The family is the most important and most enduring institution in our society. We overlook it – underestimate its importance. What happens in our marriage relationship or parent-child relationship will determine what kind of people will live in this world.

As parents, we develop children's thinking and attitudes and equip them for life.

If the family fails, then all the other institutions of society will fail. The family is that basic unit of society that undergirds all else. Every influence which weakens the family and makes it more difficult for it to do its job will ultimately weaken society. All that is done to build strong, healthy, happy, and effective families will increase the possibility of a strong and healthy society. Any effort to deal with the problems we face without dealing with their roots within the family is shortsighted.

The future of the country is being settled not by ambassadors, congressmen, or presidents, but by parents. The building of an effective, healthy family unit is the most important business in the world.

It is not by accident that the book of beginnings (Genesis) starts with the first family and lays the foundation for the character and purpose of Israel in the experiences and understanding which the families of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had with God. When God came to reveal himself to us most perfectly in His own Son, He came as a little baby into a family.

The story of the "Prodigal Son" is a parable of how God feels about us, and also a parable of the "Waiting Father" (Luke 15:20-24).

What is a family?

There are many variations of what is considered the traditional family unit.

- Father, mother, and children
- Single parent and children
- A new family formed from former families – "Blended Family" (his, hers, and ours)
- Part-time family – this deals with the parent who has custody of the children on weekends and possibly during school vacation time

Each has a specific set of opportunities and problems.

The church educates the family in Christian beliefs and values, but the main responsibility lies in each individual. There should be a desire to grow and hunger for more of the things of God. As parents, we need to realize that it is our responsibility to teach and rear our children in the fear and admonition of God. While school, church, and government may be allies of the family, they can never be substitutes for it.

The Family Is:

- A place to grow people – the family is a balanced environment designed by God for the growth of human beings. Luke 2:52 – "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."
- A center for creativity – family is the most important center for the development of creativity there is. Self-trust, the heart of all creativity, is first nurtured. Discipline is developed; individuals' gifts and interests are encouraged. (James 1:17).
- A place of safety and security – picture family as "a shelter from the storm of life" (Luke 15:11-31).

Child	Needs to feel the hands and arms of those who love him. Needs to hear soothing words of those who care. Learns early that family is a kind of sanctuary.
Teenager	Needs family objects, familiar people and familiar routines. Needs family as a place to which to go and to which he can return. Needs someone who is really interested to whom he can report.
Adults	Draws comfort from his family during difficult times. Needs a place and people where he can feel love, accepted and secure.

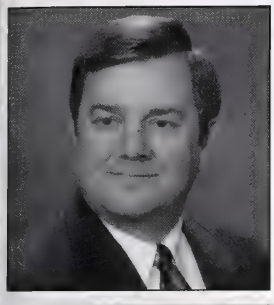
- A transmitter of values – the picture of the family is that of a unit which transmits values from generation to generation. Pass the baton; dropping the baton means losing the race.

Important Truth We Can Pass

People are more important than things. The best place for learning how to treat people is in the home, where there is an opportunity to act out love in the situations of life day by day. Here is where respect for life, others, and self is either born or destroyed.

Paul writes in Ephesians 5:22–6:4 that the key ingredient in all human relationships is self-giving love. Love is not just a feeling but having to do with choices and actions. Love is wanting what is best for the other person, whatever the cost to ourselves. God's love – Christ sacrificed. "Love others as we have been loved" is our motivation.

Love your family enough to pray!
A Family that prays together stays together.



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Greenville District – Kenyan Mission

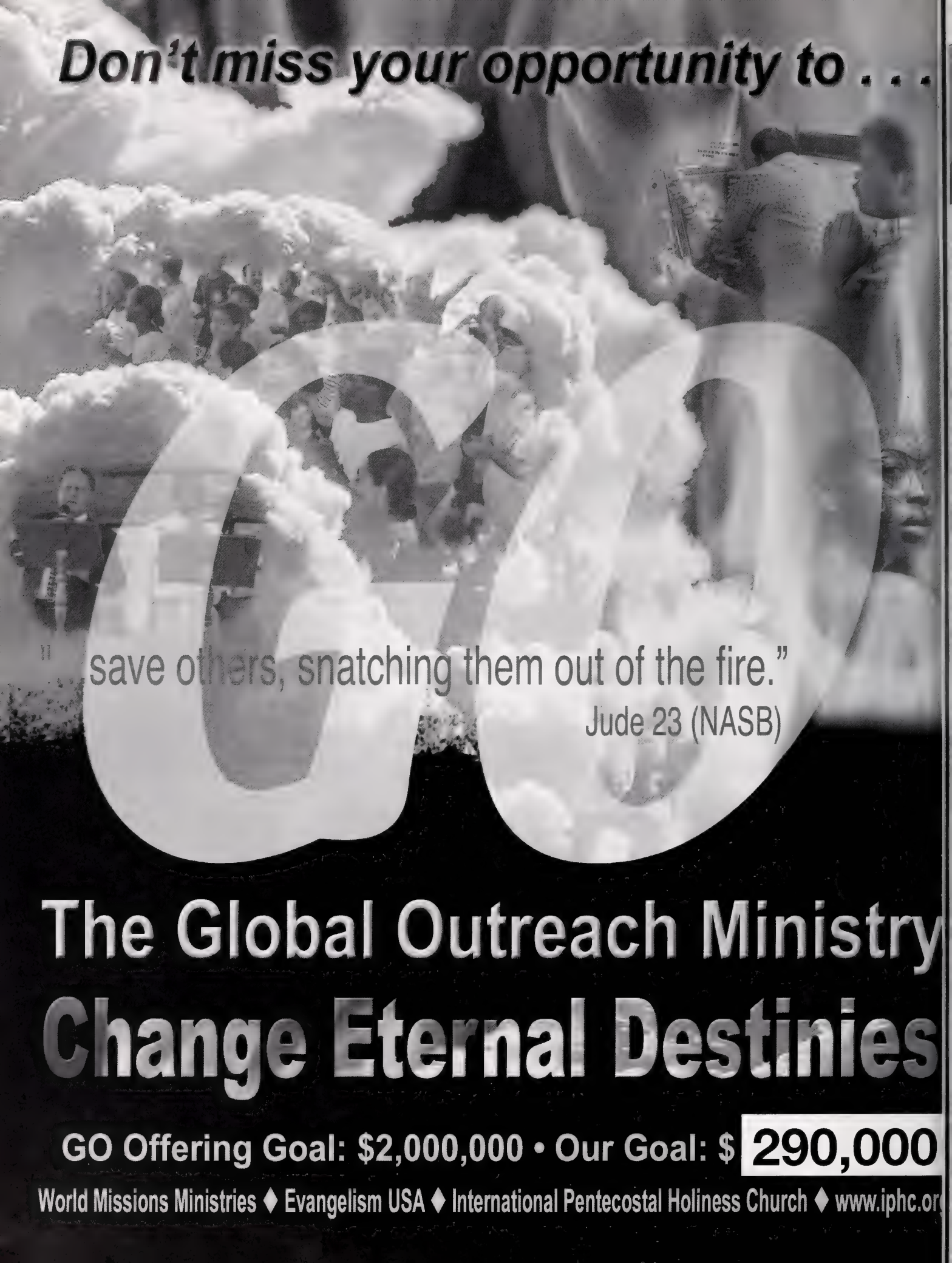
"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' The righteous will answer Him, saying 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me'" (Matthew 25:34-40).

The Greenville District applied the parable personally and began months of prayer and preparation for the Kenyan Mission 2003 trip. God was faithful in guiding us in our planning toward our team objectives. We held a district mission rally at the Greenville 1st Church that showed a visual and audio CD of Africa, and the specific areas of need that we hoped to help meet. Jim and I were able to share our hearts' testimonies of how we felt led to share the gospel to the street children and also help them with their medical needs. We then allowed each person to experience a little of Africa in our fellowship hall with African music and African motif. There we had individual booths that allowed each one who felt God was calling him to service on this mission trip to look at a description of each team's objectives. The five teams consisted of a medical team, a construction team, a children's evangelism team, a food team, and a prayer team. As many as 40 people signed up to go, but as we came closer to departing, God had hand-chosen 22 people from 12 to 80 years of age to partake in His ultimate purpose.

Our most expensive goal consisted of building a kitchen and dining facility for the orphans in Nakuru, at the Home for the Destitute Children. This project alone was going to cost $15,000. The medical supplies were looking to run about $7,000, with $4,000 being needed for the food and evangelism materials. The medical team ended up spending only $2,000, for God placed on the hearts of doctors, medical representatives, and medical supply stores to give over $60,000 worth of medicine and supplies to us free. Two weeks before we were to leave, we had raised only around $5,000. We were again left to trust in God's timing without fear and trembling. When God gives visions, He provides all the resources one needs. At God's appointed time, over $30,000 came in before we left. All those with whom we had had an opportunity to share our testimonies had been touched by God and gave generously. God needs only one to be willing to go, and here we had 22 people willing to go during a time that reporters said was not safe. Joining our team was a doctor, a pharmacist, three registered nurses, a respiratory therapist, a pastor, two self-employed construction workers, teachers, three teenagers, and women of God who were all willing to use their gifts for others.

While we were in Nairobi, we were welcomed and guided by Philip and Gailya List, two people whom we have gained much wisdom from and come to love very much. Our eight days on the ground in Kenya were filled with more than we could have ever expected. With a team who worked well together in all circumstances, we managed to treat medically over 1,000 children and adults, feed over 1,000 children, and place a roof on in two days for the kitchen and dining facility. Bob Corum was our on-site construction supervisor and will oversee the completion of our project after the first of the year. The evangelism team was able to pray the sinner's prayer and provide cross bracelets and cross suckers to over 1,000 children.

We feel this trip not only blessed the African people, but also blessed the members of this team. Each individual went hoping to make a difference, not realizing the impact the African people would have on him or her. This expression of love to another identifies our love for Christ. I can hear Christ saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."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Don't Lose Any More Hair

by Terry Whittenton

Does this sound familiar? "I can't take those children anymore; I feel like I am going to pull my hair out." This often comes from a teacher or director who is at the point of quitting. The quitting is not because they don't love children. It is not because they are not qualified, totally. The problem comes from a lack of discipline. Not for themselves, but in disciplining the students who are in front of them. If the fact were known, many parents do not allow their children to participate in children's church and other activities because there is a lack of discipline. I know what you are thinking: there are those parents who do not want their children disciplined. That may be true, but as a whole, parents want their children in a safe and controlled atmosphere. By this I mean a disciplined atmosphere.

Now you can argue with this statement, but children also want to be controlled. Not like robots. Yet children feel a sense of safety and comfort when the line has been drawn. People often ask me, "How do you handle so many children at one time?" Their response is, "I would pull my hair out." It comes from realizing that no matter how good a program I have, or how intelligent I may be, or all the excitement I can muster up, if discipline is not in place, then learning will not happen. Then all the work that I put into my program, studying, and presentation is wasted.

The Bible is clear about discipline. In fact, discipline helps to bring discipleship. Isn't that what we are to be doing? Salvation is the greatest part of a person's life, but out of salvation, we as leaders are to help disciple that person so he or she can win someone else. We have lost many children, teens, and adults by our lack of discipline.

Now the question arises, "How can I keep from pulling my hair out?" After five years of being in different environments, denominations, and churches, let me share just a few practical suggestions.

First, you must be **prepared**. Preparation is a key to help in discipline. Why? A child can sense if you are prepared for what you are doing. As a teacher, it is a must for you to spend time in knowing your lesson. You need to know where you are going in that class time and how to get there. Your lesson must be in order. When you move from one point in the lesson to the next, you can't allow a lot of time to take place. Losing time causes a break. A 10-15 second break of no direction means freedom to children. In visiting churches, I often see children's churches and Sunday school classes go wild because the teacher was not prepared. The teacher was trying to get last minute preparation done while students were coming into the room.

Second, you must earn **respect**. Respect is something that we think we can demand. No way. Children will respond more positively when you have earned their respect. This comes because you show them respect. I have heard statements like, "They just don't know how fortunate they are to have me as their teacher." Sorry, Charlie. Wrong idea. What if you have no one to teach? We need to understand that a child's thoughts, ideas, and suggestions are just as important as any adult in the church. A teacher earns respect from students when that teacher listens, cares, and encourages.

Third, you must set the **ground rules**. Understand something here: there needs to be a time for children to be just that, children. At the same time, you need to set the ground rules. Let children know what you expect from them and what the consequences will be. People who have a problem with discipline let the children draw the line. You must draw the line. When that line is crossed, then follow through with what you promised. The most repeated phrase in the world is, "I'm not going to tell you again!" If this is a favorite phrase of yours, then the scenario is the child is making the boundaries and not you.

Fourth, you must stay in **control**. Not of the children, but of yourself. Do not let the children push your buttons. If they do, don't let them know when they have pushed the right ones to get their way. When children find the right button to push, they will keep pushing till you blow up. They will not be *under* control; they will be *in* control. Yes, I have buttons I don't like to be pushed, and I still have to work to keep my control so I don't look foolish.

Fifth, you need to be **innovative**. Pardon my frankness, but don't be boring by being predictable. Innovation will keep the children off guard, so to speak. Keeping them off guard keeps them guessing what you are going to do next. It keeps their attention. The things that seem ridiculous to you will be the element that keeps them under control. Also, innovation keeps their respect for you at a different level.

Let me recommend a good book. It is by Dr. James Dobson. The title is *Dare to Discipline*. Also, pay attention to people who have well-behaved children. You might pick up some good techniques. Remember, even good children get disciplined.

Until next time, keep your hair on and disciple young lives for the Kingdom.

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—PSALM 86:11 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

History Made!

On April 1, history was made in the N.C. Conference. Rev. Luis Avila and lovely wife Lilliana became a part of the staff at the N.C. Conference IPHC RDC (Resource Development Center). To my knowledge, the N.C. Conference is the only Anglo conference to have a bilingual full-time person for this outreach. (John Parker remains part-time as the ethnic coordinator.)

I am personally thrilled at this step of faith. The Lord is at work. We presently have 32 Hispanic churches. Bro. Avila will do one fantastic job in helping us with the Hispanic ministry.

Enclosed is a personal bio and his job description.

Luis M. Avila

Luis M. Avila, born in San José, Costa Rica, in December 1960. He became a Christian in January 1979, being saved in the church of Barrio, Cuba, the mother church of the hundred Pentecostal Holiness Churches now in that country. He married Lilliana Ramirez in January 1982. They have three sons, Luis Felipe, Pablo Alberto, and Andrey David. He was called to the ministry three months after his conversion and immediately began studies in the Pentecostal Bible Institute of Costa Rica. He graduated three years later.

His studies have taken him through one-and-a-half years in the School of Missiology, two-and-a-half years in CURSUM, and one year of theology and leadership in the Seminary of Guatemala. He has taken several seminars and classes in counseling, Christian ministry, leadership, and ecclesiology, and he graduated from Nuevo Pacto University, with a bachelor's in arts and ministries with emphasis on counseling. Bro. Avila has participated in seminars in the United States, Holland, Brazil, and Colombia. These mostly were with missions and evangelism.

Rev. Avila has served as a professor in The Pentecostal Holiness Bible Institute in Costa Rica, taught extension courses from the same school, and served as secretary on the conference board in Costa Rica for four years. He pastored for nine years in the P.H. church of Hatillo #8 and Leon XIII (the names designate geographical sectors of suburban San José).

In 1991, Luis Avila went to Guatemala as the first P.H. missionary to work in that country in many years (Rev. Amos Bradley worked there as a P.H. missionary from 1908 to about 1915). During brother Avila's time there, he was the superintendent of the Church in Guatemala, and ten churches were established. The Pentecostal Holiness Church was registered with the government, and a conference was organized.

In July 1997, Luis joined the North Carolina Conference. The Greenville First Church, pastor David Wood, hired him for the purpose of planting and organizing a Hispanic congregation. He now has an attendance of 170

people in the services. The Hispanic church in Greenville has started five churches and has sent out three pastors under the leadership of Brother Avila. The Oasis de Esperanza was officially organized on March 28, 2004.

"I humble myself before the Lord and praise my God for this 24 years in ministry, for His faithfulness, love and patience, but especially for the 25 years of knowing Him as my Savior and my God and giving me grace and letting me have a relationship with Him."

Bro. Avila has been faithful serving on the Conference Hispanic Leadership Team. In addition, he has served as an instructor with the National Training Institute in Oklahoma City (sponsored by EVUSA). He also serves as the City Quest instructor for EVUSA.

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Rev. Lester C. Ormond

Rev. Lester Cecil Ormond went to heaven on March 8, 2004. He was eighty-eight years old. Brother Ormond and precious wife, Virginia, made their home in New Bern, NC. He was born September 23, 1915.

The celebration service was conducted on Thursday, March 11, 2:00 p.m., at the Pollock-Best Funeral Chapel in New Bern. Rev. Kenneth Dixon and Superintendent Chris Thompson spoke at the service. Rev. Wiley Clark, director of Retired Ministers, spoke at the graveside and presented the IPHC Bronze Medallion to the family. Brother Ormond was laid to rest at the Braxton Family Cemetery in Vanceboro, NC.

Brother Ormond was a fiery preacher. He enjoyed preaching. He enjoyed church and was faithful until his health prevented his attendance. He was first saved in 1925 as a ten-year-old boy. He was saved again in 1949. He said, "It took that time." He received Mission Worker's License in 1954. He was licensed to preach and joined the NC Conference in 1956. He pastored the following churches:

Deaver's Chapel	1956-1957
Snead's Ferry	1957-1959
Oriental	1959-1961
Goose Creek	1961-1963

He also served as supply pastor for the Alliance, Belhaven, and Verona churches. Brother Ormond was superannuated in 1980.

Rev. Ormond is survived by his wife, Virginia, and eight of their nine children. He did love good gospel singing and preaching. Three of his children, Amy, Dale, and Gary, traveled for years as the Singing Ormonds. Tapes of their ministry in song were played at his funeral. May the Lord bless Brother Ormond's memory as a positive influence for the Kingdom.

Birth Announcement

Rev. and Mrs. Tim Strickland announce the birth of a daughter, Sara Courtney, born March 3, 2004. She weighed 5 lb. 10oz.

Rev. Tim is the pastor of Grace Community, Fayetteville, NC.

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Book Reviews

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Break Through Prayer: The Secret of Receiving What You Need From God

Jim Cymbala. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company. 237 pages.

Armed with many Scriptures and personal examples of God breaking through in intercessory prayer on behalf of His people, Cymbala offers a publication concerning effective prayer. Do not expect any groundbreaking material here. Much of what Cymbala presents is old truths dressed in different garments designed to make the subject interesting and thought-provoking. His strong appeal is for God's people to return to their roots of old-fashioned, prolonged times of waiting on the Lord.

The author gives a gentle rebuke to the pastors and churches that seem to be de-emphasizing the role and the need for prayer. He calls upon church leaders to lead their people to cry out to God and pour their hearts out to Him in sincere, serious, and persevering prayer. He gives credit to God for his success in the ministry and makes no pretense in stating that prayer made it all possible. Never having taken the trip from the ivory towers to the streets, Cymbala serves as a prime example of what God can do through a willing man (and his wife) when he totally depends on the Lord.

The first chapter includes four secrets of breakthrough blessings. They are as follows: (1) We are to ask in prayer for an outpouring of God's favor; (2) We are to spend quality time in God's Word and hear from the Lord; (3) We are to be obedient through faith; God's blessing is reserved for those who long with all their souls to walk in His light and holiness; and (4) We are to give to God as He has blessed us, especially in terms of blessing the downtrodden, the vulnerable, the weak, and the brokenhearted. Joyfully giving to others opens the windows of heaven upon those who give.

Dear readers, what do you need from God? Prayer has never been God's final solution. It is His first solution. Desperate, heartfelt praying can be the beginning of a breakthrough that will change everything in your life.

Thinking for a Change: Eleven Ways Highly Successful People Approach Life and Work

John Maxwell. New York: Warner Books. 266 pages.

Seldom do we think about thinking and the processes of thought that make us what we are today. The scriptural axiom, "As a man thinks, so is he," remains true even in contemporary times. We are what we think. We are also what we fail to think. Sow a thought and you reap a deed or misdeed. Is it not true that if you can control a person's thinking, you can control that person's behavior? The devil learned this lesson epochs ago. The word "amuse" means *no-think*. When people pay good, hard-earned money to enter amusement parks, they go to *not-think*!

Haven't you ever heard someone who made a mistake make the statement, "Well, I simply wasn't thinking"? How often do we think about loving God with our mind? What is God's reason for believers wearing the helmet of salvation? Doesn't depression stem from wrong and negative thinking? When temptation begins, where is the starting point? Is it possible to think two thoughts at the same time? Does meditation keep the heart and soul from sinful thoughts? The thoughts of God were the first visitors David had in the morning (Psalm 139:17-18). Doesn't practical holiness consist in part about thinking true, just, and noble things, as well as pure and lovely things, in addition to things of good report? If we think as we ought to think, the peace of God will guard us, and the God of peace will go with us. There's so much to consider about thinking!

This publication from the pen of John Maxwell, a respected and renowned church leader, seems to be a compilation of thematic material from his files over the years, and all that has been added is unity, clarity, and coherence. Just a thought. The book, full of quotes, a Maxwellian trademark, is ordered around eleven areas of thinking designed to help the reader think more clearly about thinking and how it can change a person's life. How a person approaches life determines failure or success. Maxwell encourages his readers to grow in their thinking and allow creative, improved thinking to transform their lives, careers, and future.

While growing a church is not the same as growing a corporation, the author gives example after example of successful businessmen and -women who have made it to the top, much to the credit of their thinking. While few can become experts in all eleven areas of thinking, according to Maxwell, it is imperative to become proficient in a few areas and rely upon others whose strengths are different from yours. Two or more heads are better than one when those heads are thinking in the same direction.

Life consists of the sum total of one's decisions. A man makes decisions, and then those decisions make the man. Had Lot decided not to pitch his tent toward Sodom, he might not have lost his wife and family. We have the freedom to make the right or wrong decisions. It is our God-given privilege that has tremendous responsibility and consequences. Happy Reading!

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:3).

Dear Women of God:

As I write this article, we have just had our 2004 NCWM Retreat in Greenville, N.C. What a blessing! I want to thank the Lord for each of you who stepped in and helped keep things moving. We had people who were willing to go the extra mile to help.

There were many obstacles behind the scenes that tried to keep this retreat from happening. I won't go into a lot of detail, but I would like for you to know that God was truly in control of every situation.

On Friday afternoon, two of our girls had left to go to Raleigh-Durham to pick Dr. Sjostrand up at the airport. Her plane was scheduled to arrive at 3:30 p.m. At approximately 3:45, I received an emergency call that there had been a military plane crash at the Northwest Terminal. The airport was closed! Dr. Sjostrand's plane was diverted to Greensboro, which meant we had to make arrangements to get her from Greensboro to Greenville. My girls (Rose and Terry Ann) kept on driving toward Greensboro. We were able to contact Margie Teachey's daughter, Lisa, and she agreed to pick Dr. Sjostrand up and meet Rose in Burlington. The Lord blessed them with traveling grace. The WM Retreat began at 7:30 p.m., and it was approximately 8:40 p.m. when Dr. Sjostrand walked into the Convention Center. Without skipping a beat, we moved right into the worship service.

When I arrived home on Saturday afternoon, I shared with my husband everything that had happened. His first words to me were, "Why didn't you call me?" Since then, I have thought about how God must look at each of us and ask the same question: "Why don't you call me?" We try on our own to handle situations that are out of our control. The Lord is always teaching me new lessons, and I learned a lot during this retreat.

There was a genuine sense of peace that Janice and I both felt after we prayed. We knew without a shadow of a doubt that someone in this retreat was going to receive a miracle from God, and those who came expecting received.

Thank you for being a part of this great church and Women's Ministries. God is moving! Our prayer is that you will be the "fragrance of Christ" as you allow Him to use you to touch others.

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Happy Mother's Day

It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have – one pair that sees through closed doors, another in the back of her head, and, of course, the ones in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and reflect "I understand and I love you" without so much as uttering a word.

–Erma Bombeck

As a mother, my job is to take care of the possible and trust God with the impossible.

–Ruth Graham

A mother's patience is like a tube of toothpaste – it's never quite gone.

A mother is the person who sits up with you when you are sick and puts up with you when you are well.

Mothers are like fine collectibles: as the years go by, they increase in value.

"The Fragrance of Jesus"

2004 NCWM Retreat, Greenville Convention Center

Greenville, NC

Assistant Director Janice Marshburn

Rose Boyd sharing her testimony

NCWM Director Patsy Deese

Dr. Janice Sjostrand

A time of worship

Hearing the Word

Hearing the Word

Upcoming Events:

- May 15 – Girls' Ministries Retreat/Convention, Falcon
- May 29 – N.C. Inspirational Conference, Falcon
- June 5 – NCWM Convention, Falcon, Falcon
- June 20 – Father's Day

June is Sharing Sister Month!

Our Sincere Best Wishes to Anne Willis & Jamie Gurley, who were united in marriage on Saturday, March 13, 2004, at the Goldsboro First Church in Goldsboro, N.C. We are going to miss Anne in the New Bern District, where she has been serving as our New Bern District director. She and Jamie will be living in Pikeville.

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Being the Light

As I began to pray and study and meditate on the topic of "Being the Light," I came upon this passage of scripture (Matthew 5:14-16), which says, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

After reading this scripture, I began to understand what it means to be the light. When we become saved by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ and begin to form a personal relationship with Him, it is incumbent upon us as Christians to help lead someone else to Christ. Our purpose as disciples (disciplined followers of Jesus) is to endeavor to increase the kingdom of God by our witness and example unto God.

To accomplish this mighty, eternal-life-giving task, we must first be the light that would shine to help lead the way and light the path to Jesus Christ. John 8:12 says, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." As Christians, we are to strive to be Christlike, and in doing so, we are also to be the light in Christ that others may see and know there is a true and living and life-giving God in us.

As we strive to be this light that we are to be on a daily basis, there are some things we must do within our own relationship with Christ to help us maintain the brightness and integrity of this precious gift of light that we have received and that has been entrusted to us by the most high God.

We must first pray. The Bible says to "pray without ceasing," to "ask and you shall receive," to "seek and ye shall find," to "knock and the door shall be opened unto you." This open communication with God on a daily basis is imperative to sustain the light that is in us.

Second, we must read and study His word. The Bible says, "Study to show yourself approved unto God." The Bible is the infallible word of God; it is the very road-map to heaven and all its glory. In this infinite, life-changing instruction manual of our heavenly Father, we can find how to live and deal with every aspect of life as the Master would have us to. I submit that if we are to be the light that Christ would have us be, then we must submerge ourselves in His word and live according to His commandments to us.

Last but certainly not least, we must attend church. We must find that part of the body of Christ that we feel comfortable with and enjoy being with under God and become a part of that church family. I have heard it said that going to church was not necessary since practicing this would not make a person righteous. This is true: going to church will not make us righteous, but righteous people go to church. It is very important to go to the Father's house, worship with those who are in accord with God, hear His word brought forth from the minister, and use that spoken word to help keep our cups filled with the oil that will maintain our light and sustain its brightness as we witness to others when we are away from church in the highways, the byways, and the hedges. It is also important that we get involved and support our churches with our prayers, attendance, activity, and our finances.

In conclusion, on a personal note, I would like to add that it is my desire to be the light that would shine to help someone find his way clear to Christ and have the eternal life that can be achieved only through His blood and by the cross. I love Jesus for all that He has done for me, and I want to be all that I can be for Him in appreciation for all that He has done. "Being the Light" is Christ's desire for all of His children. May we all be about the light for this world in the precious name which is Jesus Christ.

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My Job

A Service to God and Man

During a time of prayer one day, I started thinking and praying about all the things I'm doing or all the hats I am wearing. I began to understand that the hats I'm wearing are the many tasks or jobs I'm accomplishing for God while I'm still on this earth.

Think about it: what is your task or job here on earth?
Where are you spending your time or utilizing your energy?
What hats are you wearing and for what?

The Word talks to us about working and serving while here on earth. But are we making it count for eternity?

If we look for the word job *in the dictionary, we find its meaning to be to work, to labour, to manufacture, to form by labour; to travail, to toil; to work, to be in action, to be diligent; to work, to act, to execute; to endeavor, to contend for; to solicit, to procure; to support, to sustain.*

We must come to the conclusion that whatever hat we are wearing or job we are doing must count for the future. Can you imagine working hard for nothing? Wasting all that time and energy to see no real benefit nor reward? This lets us know that while we are here on this earth, we must make every minute count.

As a wife, mother, grandmother, friend, daughter, sister, aunt, pastor, WIN director, intercessor, writer, speaker, translator, child of God, and Christian, I need to make every minute count. I cannot accomplish these jobs without the help of God and the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Can you?

Our intimate relationship with God is the most important thing in our lives.

Now take a moment to think and pray about the hats, tasks, or jobs you are doing. The word of God tells us that without God we can do nothing. But when we count on, rely on, and trust in Him, then we can be empowered. We can make a difference in the world and for God's kingdom.

PRAYER KEEPS THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." –Psalm 121:1-8

We must endeavor to do our best for God and others. This is not an easy task. Our time and our walk with God are a must.

Here are some ideas or suggestions that can help us get the job done:

1. Be honest and know your limitations. Always count on God, His presence, strength, wisdom and direction.
2. Know your God-given gifts. Take a spiritual gift test in order to know your God-given gifts; then serve at home, church, and the community. Eph. 4 - Rom. 12 - 1 Cor. 12 - 1 Peter 4.
3. Know that godly character and integrity are the key to success. "Be ye Holy, for I am Holy." 1 Peter 1:16 - John 10
4. Remind yourself that the work you are doing is a service to God and benefits His eternal kingdom.
5. Take time for personal devotion, prayer, the reading of the Word, and worship.
6. Stay obedient, for obedience is better than sacrifice.
7. Stay teachable and flexible. A good worker in God's kingdom is always ready to learn, grow, and change.
8. Recognize the people God has placed around you who can help you get the job done. You need the body of Christ working together with you in order to make a difference.
9. Don't grow weary in well doing, for in time you will reap your eternal rewards.
10. As you work, acknowledge God, His love, power, authority, promises, and benefits.

My job and your job is to love God, serve God, and love others. Our job and labor is a labor of love.

My prayer is "Lord, help me get the JOB done, and let me not forget for whom I'm doing the JOB."

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J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

OTT Goes to Cuba

The last seven years of my missionary career has taken me to more than 20 countries, but no mission assignment has affected me like my recent trip to Cuba. I felt before I ever left that I would come home with more learned from our Cuban family than I would have left with them.

From the moment our group of sixty-three from all across the U.S. arrived in Cuba until we left, we experienced a glory of the presence of God and saw His mighty power manifest miracles of conversions and provision.

Under the direction of Dr. Frank Tunstall, World Missions Ministries Board member, we put together a threefold mission team: construction team, evangelistic team, and discipleship training team. Operation Teaching Tools had the privilege of heading up the discipleship training event in Cuba. Our own Rev. Lydia Figueroa traveled with me to translate for me, but, oh, how God used Sister Lydia to minister in the seminars, as well as in some of the local church services!

It is virtually impossible to share every divine moment, but let me tell you a few highlights. At the present, we have over sixty IPH churches and close to sixty mission churches (we know as church plants) that are cared for by the established churches. God has favored our superintendent, Sister Beatrice Lopez, with grace, power, and supernatural wisdom to grow His kingdom in this Communist country.

The church building that was constructed the ten days we were there has quite a momentous history. While the building crew was working, we learned that this particular site happened to be the plot of land given to build the first IPH church and has proven to be the foundation site of the IPHC for over fifty years. In fact, prior to our arrival, when the old church was torn down, they left the original concrete foundation for the new structure to be built on. Dr. Tunstall quickly began to refer to this building site as the "Falcon" of Cuba. We were privileged to meet the dear brother whose parents gave that land back in 1952. The crew did experience many horrendous obstacles throughout the week, but God showed up and removed every single one.

OTT Seminar Participants

The seminars were well attended, and all left encouragement from the informative and anointed teachings to equip the local churches. I taught on lesson preparation and application. We had a sharing time from the Cuban SS teachers, as they showed us some of the visuals they had made with throwaway items. Their creativity is far above any I've seen. It was a blessing to share resource materials and teaching tools/visuals with our IPHC family there. Sister Lydia Figueroa taught on spiritual warfare and WIN. What an awesome workshop, as the anointing flowed out of her into the lives of our Cuban family! Their spirits were encouraged and their faith increased to equip them to become "more than conquerors through Jesus Christ, our Lord." The OTT coordinator of Costa Rica, who also serves on the CURSUM Staff of Latin America, joined me in Cuba and held an inner healing workshop. All three of our giftings meshed together, as the Spirit of the Lord

addressed these areas of need in our Cuban family. What a wonderful time we had sharing our passions and vision of the Kingdom work!

Cecille Booth, Northwood Temple Missions director, traveled with Lydia and me. God opened a huge door of opportunity for her to meet with one of the Communist leaders over the medical facility in the Bayamo District. As a result of this meeting, Cecille and her nurse friend, Jerri Perry, Brenda Clowers, and I were invited to tour the Children's Hospital in Bayamo. When we entered the hospital, the nurses were kind and cordial and soon began to be drawn to the Christ who lived in us. As Cecille and Jerri assessed the medical equipment and supplies needed, Brenda, Beatrice, and I were walking among the wards where the children were. Before the trip, we had been advised that we were not allowed to witness publicly or pass out Christian literature on the streets at any time while in Cuba. But we learned that the glory of God that rests upon His people as they walk in the Spirit can draw hungry hearts to the Body of Christ. Before we left the hospital tour, we prayed with some of the children and their mothers; some even got saved, and the nurses and doctors knew they had found some new friends who would not forget them. In fact, not only did the medical staff ask for equipment and supplies, but also they even asked me for coloring books, crayons, and reading books for the children. Cecille will be meeting with the Minister of Medicine in Habana, hopefully, in the fall for approval to ship a forty-foot container to our IPHC Cuba Conference, filled with medical equipment, supplies, and OTT resources to benefit the hospitals and our IPH churches. We believe this is going to open more doors for the Body of Christ to enlarge the kingdom of God in Cuba.

The evangelistic service at night by Evangelist John Pena experienced a mighty outpouring of the Spirit that resulted in numerous conversions and rededications. Sister Lydia reports there were numerous conversions in her services as well.

But while God was at work in the church building, so was He at work on the streets and in the market. As we took the two-hour bus ride back to Santiago to catch our flight back to Miami, the government had arranged for us to tour the city of Santiago. The history of Cuba was somewhat intriguing, as one of the monuments in the Plaza Square says this: "He is not the first Redeemer who came riding on the back of a donkey..." This writing was next to the statue of an influential lawyer who was responsible for the freedom of the slaves shortly after President Abe Lincoln was responsible for freeing the slaves in the U.S.A. As our guide shared the story of how this man had to give up his son for the Cuban slaves to be free, it was an open door opportunity for us to share with her about our Redeemer. The Spirit of God began to arrest her spirit during the remainder of our tour. Needless to say, by the end of the tour, we had a new family member added to the Kingdom. If that wasn't enough to top off our trip, we were just miles from the airport when our bus driver pulled over at a beach shore on the Caribbean Sea. Just a few nights earlier, he had accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and was transformed before our very eyes. Yes, we did! We had a baptismal service right then and there. He came up out of that water with his hands raised high, praising the Lord!

God's Spirit is at work in Cuba because the body of Christ in Cuba is praying for a spiritual outpouring. Their attitude is gratitude for their ration of food and supplies for their families, for their houses and work, given to them by the government. In all the countries I've ever visited, never have I seen such generosity, love, and humility among the Body of Christ for each other and towards us!

I returned home convicted, transformed, and with a new attitude.

Missionary C. Rose Boyd

Standing room only at church dedication

Charles Boyd
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Details Separated

Whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
–Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men. –Colossians 3:23 (NKJV)

These are two insightful and relevant verses for our day. In times past we may have heard someone say, "Don't sweat the small stuff." That may be true for certain situations or circumstances. But an old saying that bears repeating is, "If something is worth doing, it is worth doing right the first time." I read these quotes recently: "Sweat the small stuff" and "It takes so little to be above average." Or another way to say it: "Details separate." These quotes challenged me to be the very best I could possibly be in every area of my life, including the ministry to which God has called me. We have the greatest mandate ever given. Jesus told us to go into all the world and make disciples. That begins with me and my innermost community.

It's time for some quality control. Another translation of Colossians 3:23 says whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. We may not be able to have a ministry for every need in our community and maybe not even in our congregation at the present time. But we can do what we do now with an attitude of excellence, pressing on to bigger and better things. Paul said to forget what is behind and press forward. I believe this specifically applies to the church and the ministries within the church. We live in a fast-paced, ever-changing world. The mandate hasn't changed. But our mind-set may need to. We must be continually pressing forward and remained focused to see God's mandate for our lives and ministries come to pass.

In times past, *excellence, customer service*, and *quality control* were words that weren't mentioned in church. The world is going out of its way to attract people. We must strive for excellence in everything we do. We work for the King, and the King demands our very best. Whatever we do, whether in word or deed, do it *all* unto the glory of God.

We may need to evaluate. What are we doing? Can we do this/that better? If we are truly honest, there will be some things that are done well and some that are not. Some changes may need to take place. Don't be scared or intimidated to change and try something new. Be encouraged. Don't grow weary in doing well – you will reap a harvest. Don't give up! God will reward your pursuit of excellence in attempting to do His mandate. I heard a preacher recently say that the God who never changes demands us to be constantly changing. Does this mean that God likes change? I believe so, if it means changing to become more like Him, changing to be more effective to do what He called us to do.

A great book to pick up and read and reread on this subject is a book that has been out for several years, *The Five Star Church* by Stan Toler and Alan Nelson. We must evaluate, define excellence, demand excellence in ourselves, exemplify excellence for others, expect excellence, and re-evaluate. Remember, details separate!

Attention Youth!!!

Youth Night of Camp Meeting will be Saturday, August 7, 2004

The guest speaker will be Steve Ely. In September 2000, Steve was named National Youth Director of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Steve will do an excellent job as he ministers all week with our Bishop James Leggett in "*Bridging the Gap.*"

Steve was the guest speaker at Falcon Youth Camp, Senior Week 2003. We are glad to welcome him back.

Youth groups, try to make plans to come any or all of the Camp Meeting night services.

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"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

–Psalm 1:1,2

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

Father's Day – 2004

A Call to Men for Biblical Discipleship

I had a wonderful, biblical father. He made a difference in my life and helped me to understand the love and blessings of a gracious heavenly father.

Dad has been in heaven now nearly eight years. I miss him and think of him daily. He was a biblical father! My best friend. He never graduated from college nor even high school. He never was rich in earthly wealth. He was a farmer and later foreman for a construction crew. He worked hard. He was a deacon, superb Sunday school teacher, song leader, counselor, and pastor's friend. His family and church were his priorities.

Dad was the last in our immediate family to be saved. My sister came to the Lord first. (Phyllis is married to Pastor Rudolph Britt of the Roanoke Rapids Church.) I was next, and then Mom. Dad had always been a good, moral man, but didn't know the Lord. He knew what the church was about. Grandpa John and Grandma Dessie were charter members of the Manley Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church. I remember Pastor Edsel Hooks saying to Dad once, "Donald it would be a shame for you, being such a moral man, to miss heaven. Your family is going!" Dad was saved shortly after.

Here was a man who educated himself. I don't know what his IQ was, but he was always ahead of me. He was known in the community as a man who paid his debts, loved his family, provided for his family, worked well with his neighbors, and the list goes on.

He had faced great adversities in life. When I was six, he was in a body cast for nine months with cancer of the hip bone. He survived, but lost movement in his right hip. Before going to heaven, he lost both legs to diabetes. He lost his ability to drive, but men came to see him. They would sit in his living room and talk. They would kneel by his chair for prayer for healing and salvation.

Here was a man of God. I have been greatly blessed. I am who I am in great part because of this man after God's heart. After being saved, he was on a constant pursuit of God.

Not everyone has been blessed as I have been blessed. There are 72 million children under the age of 18. Tonight, 33% of those children will go to bed in a home without a biological father. Many of these children are being raised by single moms and great stepdads. But consider the numbers!

Men in America are in crisis. They need ministry. Alexander Mitserlisch stated, "Society has torn the soul of a male, and into this tear the demons have fled – the demons of insecurity, selfishness and despair. Consequently, men do not know who they are as men. Rather, they define themselves by what they do, who they know, or by what they own."

View the conditions of men in America. There are 108 million men over 18. Only 26 million claim to be born again; 82 million claim no relationship with God. Of these men, 85% were once in church. (What an appalling statistic!) Since 1990 the number of men attending church has decreased from 43% to 28%. Since 1991 the number of men born again has not changed. Only half of men who are born again attend church on a regular basis.

Men are spiritually lost. They are not satisfied with themselves. They experience massive stresses on the job. Men are not satisfied with their marriages and family life. Some say 60% of men, even Christian men, are addicted to pornography. They are confused about their masculinity. Men are abandoning their families in massive numbers. Women and men in America possess a "father wound" that keeps them from their heavenly father. Most men have a distorted image of God because of their experience with their earthly fathers. They are deluded by the pursuit of false success and promises of wealth and power. Many think God is mad at them. They live in a state of grief and despair, so many are deluded by the pursuit of false success and promise of wealth and power.

Men are essential to the reproduction and health of the church, but men are absent and leaving. In 1994, a study of the Swiss census demonstrated that fathers have over 12 times the impact of mothers in determining the value that children place on spiritual issues and their future church involvement. Those who are in the church seem to live in obligation to God rather than grasping the opportunity to be in relationship with God. Most churches don't provide a pathway for spiritual maturity and the opportunity to become spiritual fathers who reproduce spiritual children.

In our society the church is becoming ineffective and invisible within society. Society is trying to manage teen pregnancy, drug abuse, teen suicide, youth incarceration (most in jail did not have a father in the home), and the decay of moral values.

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Without spiritual fathers there is no hope for succeeding generations – they will remain fatherless and isolated from God.

The Men's Ministries of the IPHC is addressing these issues. Jack Kelley, national director, and Ronnie Basden, conference director, have a burden for men. They are leading this worthwhile organization to meet the needs of men. But they need some help. Every church needs a Men's Ministries. Every male pastor needs to get personally involved.

I have always been involved in Men's Ministries. When pastoring, I saw to it the church had a functioning chapter. Since moving to Falcon, I have always been actively involved in the Culbreth Memorial Chapter. We meet once a month on a Saturday morning for prayer, teaching, fellowship, and breakfast. Once a year, Mayor Wayne Lucas (my cooking partner for 18 years) and I cook and furnish breakfast. We do a good job. We are partial to country ham. Even a superintendent needs manly fellowship and ministry.

Our male pastors need to be actively involved locally. Should a church not have a Men's Ministries, a male pastor needs to lead the way and remain an active participant. We should have 250 men in our fall September Advance in Falcon. We should have 500 next year. We will reach these goals only as pastors get involved. The dates are September 10 and 11, in Falcon. Rev. Larry Jackson of Fayetteville is the primary speaker.

The Men's Ministries leaders are and will be trained to make disciples. Men disciples need to know their identity, significance, purpose, and potential. Men need significant friends and mentors. Discipline and biblical core values must become priorities. A personal relationship with Christ must be developed. Men need to learn how to be leaders in their marriages, homes, and churches. All of these needs are and can be met through Men's Ministries.

Pastors, get involved! Men, step up to the plate. Without spiritual fathers, there is little hope for succeeding generations – they will remain fatherless and isolated from God. Men, with God all things are possible. In God we can make a difference.

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CHURCH NEWS

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE/JULY

Rev. Horace Warwick . . . . . June 1
Rev. Thad White . . . . . June 1
Rev. L.B. Collins . . . . . June 4
Rev. John Parker . . . . . June 5
Rev. John Slye . . . . . June 9
Rev. Haywood Price . . . . . June 11
Rev. Lester Jarrett . . . . . June 18
Rev. David Butts . . . . . June 27
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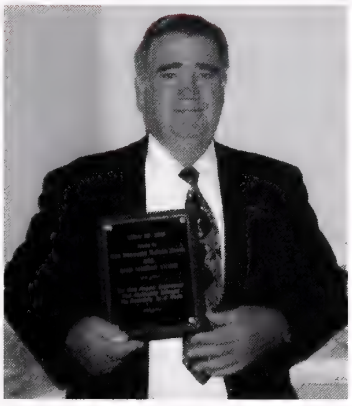
Sims Pentecostal Holiness Church Receives "Good Neighbor of the Year Award"



Sims, a small town in western Wilson County, began the award last year to recognize persons or organizations whose efforts help improve the town's appearance.

The church received the award for "property improvement that significantly enhanced the community as a whole."

Sims church has worked hard this past year to make the outside look better. They have a vision of how they hope it will look in the future. Most of the people who are able to work come out from time to time and cut undergrowth from behind the church.

The church allows the town to place its "Welcome to Sims" sign on the church property. The church took over the responsibility to keep the sign maintained for the city.

Jesse and Patricia Garcia plant most of the flowers. It has been a pleasure for the Garcias to adorn the church grounds with beautiful flowers.

Linda Brantley furnishes all the bows on the sign and church doors. She changes them for all holidays.

Our pastor is very proud of the church's 31 members and all who have worked in making it a place of beauty.

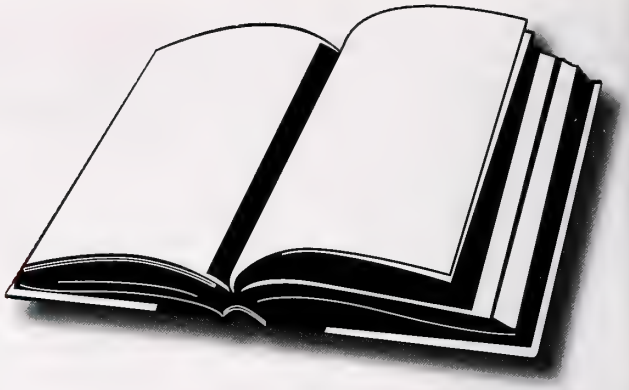
On behalf of the church, Rev. Paul Weaver accepted the award at the March meeting of the Sims town board.

Mayor Susan Evans presented the plaque to the church for property improvement that significantly enhanced the community.

People who ride by Sims talk about the beautiful flowers that are around the church.

–Joy Weaver
Church Secretary

Book Reviews



Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

The Younger Evangelicals: Facing the Challenges of the New World

Robert E. Webber. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House. 283 pages.

In a time when the world desperately needs the Church to be the Church, what is happening in our day is a blurring of the lines in terms of what Christians ought to believe and how they ought to behave in this postmodern era. The emerging church taking shape among the younger evangelicals claims to be the ecclesiastical force of the future, if the church is to survive in the last days. Written from a supportive and yet provocative, unapologetic manner, Webber gives voice and reason on behalf of the younger evangelicals and exposes their theology, worldview, and practices. Much of what this brand of "leadership" believes in terms of their ideals and goals is commendable, such as advocating an authentic encounter with God, longing for depth and substance, striving to return to more ancient forms of spirituality, and agreeing that the marketeering of Christianity is in fact destroying Christianity.

The reviewer's first attempt to ascertain the substance of the publication included skimming the book and reviewing the parts to make sense of the whole. There seemed to be many encouraging and hopeful statements about the future of this brand of doing church. But upon using a brighter light and slowly but deliberately digesting the total contents of the publication, there emerged a substantial number of great concerns, and it is downright scary, to say the least. Is this where we are headed? Is this the kind of leadership that the church will have for the next twenty or more years, should the Lord tarry? Much of what I discovered disturbs everything that I as a classical, fundamental Christian hold near and dear to my heart. The last days characterized as "perilous" are upon us. My dear reader, stand guard and hold fast to all that is good and decent, because Satan desperately wants to destroy everything that is right and wholesome about the true church that continues to exist on this earth. Even more disturbing is that some of the leadership of the younger evangelicals will give aid and comfort to Satan's cause.

The first red flag appeared when Webber characterized the younger evangelical leaders (YEL) as being "attracted to absolutes." Isn't there a difference between being attracted to absolutes and being committed to absolutes? I am usually attracted to new Cadillacs at car dealerships, but it does not mean I am committed to them. I have never owned a Cadillac because I have never committed myself to one of them. If the YEL is attracted to *absolutes*, does this also mean he or she is attracted to *relatives* also?

On pages 87 through 89, the open view of God "widely held by the younger evangelical" is expressed by the view of John C. Polkinghorne, and reveals how the YELs think about creation, human history, and the sovereignty of God. Polkinghorne advocates that God created a world in which chance has a role to play, thus limiting the power of God to control His created world. Heresy knows no bounds! A God who cannot control His own created world cannot accurately predict the future because other factors may factor into the predictive equation, and thus change everything this weak God may have imagined in the beginning. In denying eternal order, the YELs of our day reject the God who has revealed Himself in the Word of God. The implications of all of this are enormous and mind-boggling, to say the least. If God wills to place at risk His own universe, then even He cannot sovereignly change historical events that may occur by the whims of men. This makes God vulnerable to His own creation, and jeopardizes the eschatological so-called "truths" found in the Bible. All the Christian can do is hope that maybe everything will turn out all right in the end. But that is a huge "maybe" and an even more pitiful "hope"!

This is just the tip of the iceberg. YELs, according to Webber, strongly support the new Cat holic–Protestant rapport classified as evangelical ecumenism that is emerging (pages 110–112), including allowing the Catholic pope to speak for them, seek to return to the use of icons surrounded by burning candles in the wor-

ship service (page 213ff), and view the Great Commission ecclesiology as too reductionistic (page 122). They question the inerrancy of Scripture as if the original manuscripts contain errors because they are the productions of men. No wonder my curiosity about the YELs turned to criticism. As stated before, many YELs are seeking to understand themselves and their world. In my own heart, I want to give them the benefit of the doubt. But this book has only spurred me to investigate further and find out where all of this stuff originates and the direction it is taking us. Yes, many churches have become places of consumerism. Yes, many people go to church only to have their needs met. Yes, the music-driven, casual worship leads to superficiality in the long run. Yes, much of modern Christianity is modeled after corporate culture. Yes, we labor hard to fill our churches through the latest marketing technique. But shall we go from one extreme to another? In returning to the ancient forms of worship, shall we find ourselves in the Dark Ages?

The author has been a respected leader and writer for many years. He seems to be an expert on the subject of worship and spiritual growth. He has reported through this publication an emerging trend that serious Christians need to understand and evaluate. It is my intention to read it again and again, asking questions and seeking answers. What is right anymore? What is truth? As for me and my house, we shall continue to believe the whole Bible and nothing but the truth of God's Word, so help us, our Almighty and absolutely Sovereign and Immutable Lord. The future of the true Church of Jesus Christ rests in His purposed and deliberative future, and no power in hell or on earth or in the air can alter one iota, subscript, clause, conditional sentence, infinitive, imperative, jot or the tiniest tittle of what God has already said will occur. Why on earth should we put a question mark where God has put a period? Our God, the Ancient of Days, reigns!

A Passion for Faithfulness: Wisdom from the Book of Nehemiah

J.I. Packer. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books. 224 pages.

Having recently purchased the book, I thought, well, maybe it's just another commentary on the Book of Nehemiah, saying pretty much the same thing the other commentators have said for the past 50 years. But whenever I see the name J.I. Packer, it makes me take interest, no matter the length or breadth, or cost, for that matter.

The format includes a prologue and an epilogue, and in between, seven chapters full of Bible knowledge and ageless wisdom. The author compares Nehemiah to a church builder, and offers valuable insight for the pastor and lay leaders in building the church. Of course, Christ builds the church, but He uses human instrumentality to get it accomplished. He uses willing men and women, boys and girls to build the Kingdom.

Packer elaborates on two basic themes: how Nehemiah led the people and how God led Nehemiah. Before a leader can lead, he must be led himself. Nehemiah subjected himself to the mind and heart of God, gave everything he had, then appealed to people to follow him, and to finish the will of God together. It sounds very familiar, like a pastor and the work God has given him or her, and leading a group of people to follow.

The biographical sketch of Nehemiah alone gives justification for the cost of the book. The author presents Nehemiah, warts and all, as a godly man with weaknesses and strengths. Why didn't God choose to use another person besides Nehemiah? Because Nehemiah refused to usurp functions in which he had not been called, God was able to use this humble, mature man of faith. Nehemiah did not rise to the level of his own incompetence, but rather, chose to restrict himself to the specific calling the Lord had placed upon his life. This admirable quality is rare in today's world. "He doeth all things well" belongs to God and God alone. All of us would do well if we demonstrated a "realism about gifts and responsibilities."

Nehemiah, a man of devout prayer and a master of motivation, was a man of action. His activities were linked with his prayers. His activity was an index of how well his praying was going. No wonder he was able to be so successful! Nehemiah was a leader from the knees up! We can all learn from his example of dependence upon the Lord, especially in times when the Destroyer and Morale Buster shows up attempting to halt God's work. Nehemiah alone was no match for Satan, but Nehemiah, totally reliant upon the Lord, was more than a match for the archenemy of our souls.

As most pastors vacillate between mission and maintenance, it is refreshing to study a man who truly understood the difference. Is the mission of the church maintaining the church? If we fail to maintain the church, will there even be a mission? Should maintaining a church become more important than the mission of the Church? When it does, is God pleased? Did anyone say church leadership was easy?

The obstacles, setbacks, battles, and a host of other difficult things Nehemiah faced would have been enough to stop the average man. But Nehemiah was anything but "average." How he responded to all of the problems he faced, and what we learn from those lessons, makes this book a valuable addition to anyone's study. I highly recommend this publication. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the fullness." (John 10:10, NIV)

ALIVE in Christ!

Dear Women of God:

Fully Alive was the theme for the 2004 L.I.F.T. Retreat held in Nashville, Tennessee, by the General Women's Ministries March 4–7. The NCWM board and the Girl's Ministries team were blessed to be able to attend this training for conference leaders. Our General Women's Ministries board did an outstanding job!

I would like to share with you a few thoughts from the session presented by our General W.M. director, Mrs. Jewelle Stewart:

"Having a heart for ministry to women today and intentionally planning to reach the next generation means we must be open – *Alive* – to change. We must be *alive* to the complexities of our day; *alive* to what the Spirit is doing in the world, and *alive* to the needs of the women around us. There must be willingness for transformation of our own outlook and ministry concepts. We must be pliable and flexible in our methods while firmly holding to the foundation of ministry, the Word of God.

"Today's women are not coming to the church for an opportunity to right the wrongs of the world. They come because they are seeking something they have not found in the world. They are needy themselves. They need to know the One who can bring purpose to their lives. When their felt needs are ministered to, and when they discover purpose for their lives, these postmodern women will move into various places of kingdom service.

"Churches with Women's Ministries provide the ideal opportunity for the mentoring and discipleship of women. Here, women are provided opportunities to develop spiritual gifts in service of the Body, partnering with the pastor and other ministries of the church.

"Whether your church is large or small, the goal is the same – to partner with God as He transforms women."

OUR CHALLENGE:

"Today's leaders must be *alive* to minister, first to God, then to our families; *alive* and transformed so we can minister to all women who come in to our churches; *alive* and ministering with the pastor for the vision of the church; *alive* and passionate for lost and wounded women because of His passion for us."

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

L.I.F.T. RETREAT TESTIMONIALS...

It was a wonderfully blessed opportunity to attend the WM L.I.F.T. Retreat in Nashville. From the moment I walked in the room on Thursday night, I felt the presence of the Lord. I knew this was the place where "Love Abounds"! Thank you for the privilege to be a part of the NCWM board and attend this retreat.

Mrs. Lois Trueblood, NCWM Board Member

When asked to put my thoughts into words describing my experience at the L.I.F.T. Retreat, I immediately felt that words could do no justice. God is an awesome God, and re-creating moments in time trying to describe my personal experience are, at times, difficult. One thing that constantly comes to my mind is when we asked God to "Break Our Hearts." My prayer is that our hearts never become calloused to what Satan throws into our lives. If God will continue to break our hearts for our family, our friends, this world, and the many temptations brought before us, then we will constantly seek healing for our hearts. Therefore, until we are called to our heavenly destination, may our "hearts be forever broken" for Him.

Mrs. Mary Clark, NCGM Secretary-Treasurer

It was an honor and a privilege for me to attend the L.I.F.T. Retreat in Nashville. I have been challenged to step out of my comfort zone and to be fully alive to God's will in my life. My passion and zeal for God and my ministry have been renewed. I want to go deeper in His promises, higher to fulfill His purpose, and reach wider to encompass His vision. I know God has spoken to my heart to receive the challenge of being fully alive to ministry.

Media Lee, NCGM Board Member

The L.I.F.T. Retreat was truly a spiritual retreat for me. I was encouraged and blessed by the anointing of the services we had. The communion service was really special to me and reminded me of God's love and mercy toward us that we are so unworthy of. I also received physical exercise that I did not intend to do. Enjoyed being with other ladies of the IPHC.

Terry Ann Boyette, NCWM Board Member

The L.I.F.T. Retreat was wonderful. God's anointing was so powerful. I feel so honored to have been a part of the coming together of women of God – women that love the Lord with all their heart. The theme was "Fully Alive," and that's how I walked away feeling. We were refreshed, encouraged, and challenged to serve the Lord with more passion and to be a safe haven for all women. God is equipping women to do a greater work than ever before, and I feel blessed to be a part of it. Praise the Lord! I definitely feel lifted!

Nancy Roberson, NCGM Assistant Director

Fully Alive!

L.I.F.T. Retreat

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praying with Margie Teachey

NCWM Board, Terry Boyette, Janice Marshburn & Margie Teachey
"Waiting at the airport"

March 4–7, 2004

Nashville, Tennessee

The Shiloh Women's Ministries Celebrate Founders Day

On March 21, 2004, The Shiloh PH church had its Women's Ministries Founders Day. For the morning service we had Sister Elaine Webb, wife of Rev. Sydney Webb, pastor of Independence PH Church in Bailey, North Carolina, to speak. She gave a challenging message to all of the congregation to be a willing vessel for God.

In the evening service, the ladies presented the play "This is Your Life," written by Jewelle Stewart and directed by Mrs. Rhonda Smith, our youth minister's wife. At the end of the play, 24 ladies were honored who were over 60 and had contributed in some way to our church in the past years.

All of these ladies' children had been contacted and had written what their mothers meant to them, and as each lady was given a tiara and presented a rose, Mrs. Sandy Wood, pastor's wife, and Teresa Woodard, WM director, read what the children had to say about their mothers. The Royal Rangers escorted each lady to her seat of honor, and the young Missionettes presented her with a rose.

Christie Davis, Pam Davis, Pam Currie, Cindy McKeel, Kaleb Wood, Meagan Currie, Rose Glover, Gail Davis, Dottie Boyette, Amy Carter, Lynn Baker, Becky Davis, Alisa Proctor, and Frances Joyner contributed to this special night, and a great thanks goes to these fine people.

The following ladies were honored: Lela Belle Langley, Gwen Boykin, Ernestine Etheridge, Florence Webb, Peggy Eatmon, Velma Davis, Clyde Nichols, Carolyn Rollins, Iris Joyner, Allie Lamm, Ann Lemmons, Becky Pearson, Ressie Mercer, Fran Jenkins, Nora Williamson, Shelby Lucas, Frances Lucas, Betty Lucas, Colette Page, Margie Winborne, Ruth Pearson, Jean Davis, Sally Whitley, and Barbara Davis.

At the end of the service, refreshments were served, and all had a good time of fellowship. There were over 200 in attendance to witness this beautiful ceremony, and to God be the glory.

–Teresa Woodard

JUNE IS SHARING SISTER MONTH...

The new Sharing Sister Assignments were made a few months ago. If you have any question about your Sharing Sisters please contact, Mrs. Janice Marshburn, 5389 Richlands Hwy., Jacksonville, NC 28540 (910) 324–4388.

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North Carolina Men's Ministries

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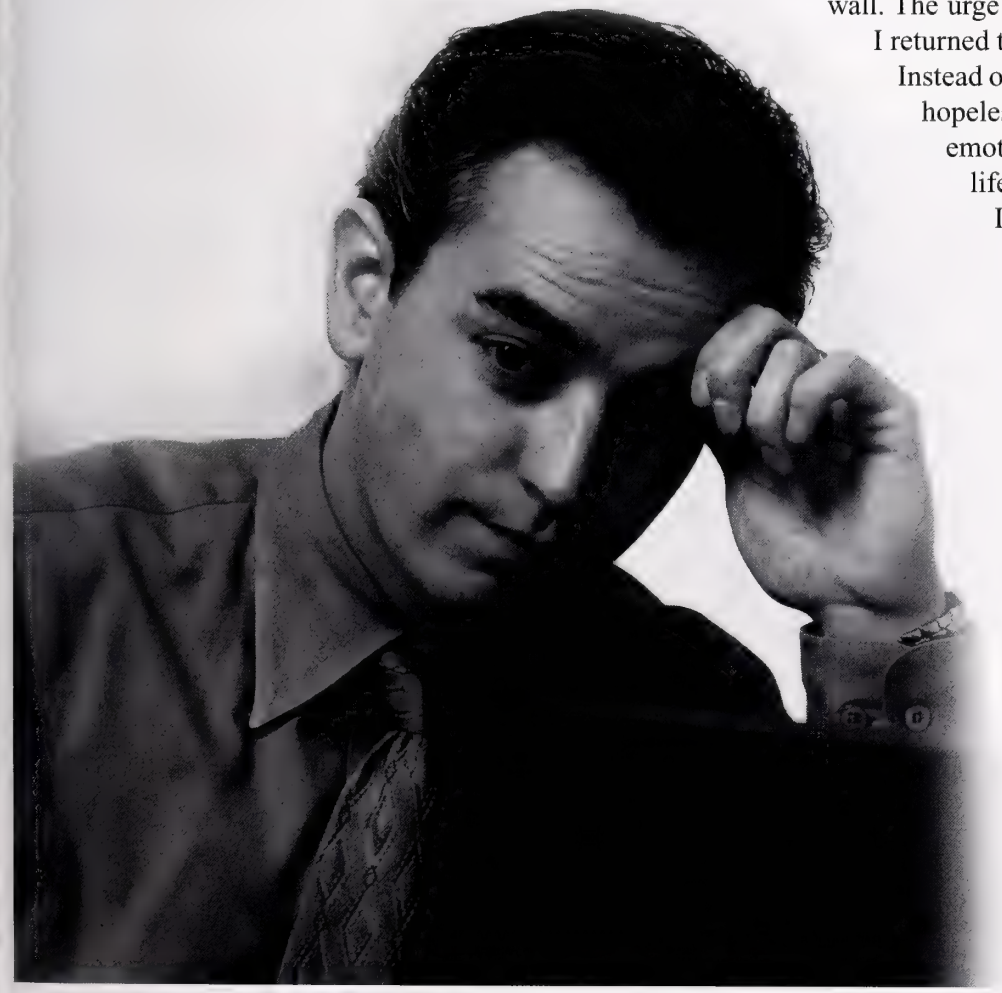
No More SECRETS, No More LIES!

You know me, or at least you thought you did. I am Tommy Goff, and I was the secretary-treasurer of the NC Men's Ministries.

In your eyes, I was a faithful church attendee, devoted husband and father, helping others, just trying to do the right thing.

But I had a secret: I was living a double life. I had an addiction to pornography. I first saw it when I was about 9 or 10 years old. I really got into it when I was about 21 years old, collecting magazines and videos. It was an ongoing thing when I got married, completely secret from my wife and friends. There were times that I got rid of it, but in a few weeks, I was back buying it. This addiction is a little different because you can tell if someone is on drugs or drinking alcohol, but no one knew that I had a pornography habit.

Then a few years ago, my wife caught me. I repented, even confessing to my pastor. They prayed for me, and I confessed my sins, but I didn't let it go. A few days passed, and I was okay, and then it seemed as if I ran into a brick wall. The urge was stronger than ever, and I gave in. I returned to my old ways. Pride rose in my heart. Instead of reaching out for help, I decided it was hopeless and hardened my heart. I shut down emotionally from everyone, just pretending life was still on the right track. I figured I wasn't really hurting anyone. As time went on, I got deeper and deeper in bondage to pornography.



But there is no "right track" when it comes to sin; it always leads to destruction and death. What was destroyed for me was my carefully crafted reputation. What died was my family's trust in me and feelings of security.

When I was in pornography, I enjoyed the artificial fantasy, never considering it to be adultery. But my sin took me further than I ever thought I would go. Satan opened the door and tempted me with the chance to delve into a real fantasy. A new woman started working with me on my job, and in less than one month, we had left our spouses and "happy" homes, living together in open

adultery. What I said I could never do to my family, I did without a second thought because I was so deep in sin. This affair consumed me. I cared nothing for my former friends or even my own children because I was so caught up in playing out this real fantasy.

But God didn't forget me. He still had a plan for my life, including my rescue from the bondage of sin. He knew I had hardened my heart, so he began to deal with her. After we had been living together for three months, she woke up on Valentine's Day morning and said she felt that what we were doing was wrong. During the day, I tried to change her mind and convince her everything was okay.

By evening, I knew what was happening; I told her she was under conviction, that God was dealing with her heart. She asked for some time alone, so I went to Wal-Mart.

God didn't forget me. It was my appointed time. God ordained that a Christian couple would meet me in Wal-Mart. As they ministered to me there in the pharmacy, yet another Christian friend joined us. At the sight of him, I broke down and cried.

By the time I returned to the apartment, we both were under conviction. We called our spouses to apologize. My wife said I could come over, and we talked and cried together. I wanted to go to church with my family the next day, so I went back to the apartment for some clothes and spent the night with the Christian couple God had sent to me in Wal-Mart.

My children had no idea I'd be at church. I met my family in the parking lot, and my son cried when I told him Daddy was coming home. My four-year-old daughter smiled and smiled, hugging my neck as if she would never let me go.

My church family rallied around me that morning at the altar, truly welcoming a prodigal son back home. God saved me and let me know I can be free from the bondage of sexual addiction and the many forms it takes. The next day

Secret sins and lies lead only to destruction and death. But God offers freedom and life!

I discovered the woman I had lived with also accepted Jesus as her personal savior.

God can do anything! He took the devil's handiwork (two destroyed marriages and broken families) and turned the ashes into beauty by saving three people (her husband had accepted Jesus when she left him) and re-creating two marriages!

My pastor allowed me the opportunity to apologize to my church family for the hurt I caused them and to testify with my wife of the great things God is doing in our lives.

I also want to take this opportunity to ask the men of the NC Conference to forgive me. Ronnie Basden, your director, has been there for me through this, helping me grow in God and being a true Christian brother and friend to me in my darkest hour of need.

So, men, please take it from someone who has learned the hard way; you can't play church with God. Throw your pride to the side and get real with God and others. Secret sins and lies lead only to destruction and death. But God offers freedom and life! I praise Him every day for the miracles He has worked and is working in my life and marriage. God continues to bring healing to our home. We go to a good Christian marriage counselor, and I attend a support group for sexual addiction. I know God has delivered me and set me free, but I don't want to leave any open door for the devil. I want to warn others what a terrible road pornography takes you down and let you know Calvary is the way out! I give God all the glory for the changes He has made in my life! So don't believe Satan's lies if you are leading a double life and hiding a secret sin. God's people are here to help. If you are struggling, you can call Ronnie Basden at (252) 523–8380 or me at (252) 522–0314. Don't be afraid of facing the truth. God's truth will set you free!

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LED BY THE HAND

In the book of Mark we read a story of the blind man who was healed. We read that this man was brought to Jesus, and through the believers' concern, faith, and asking, the man was healed.

THE FAITH OF A BELIEVER

We read in Mark 8:22, "And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him."

These believers doubted not that one touch of Jesus' hand would recover him his sight. We need to note that those spiritually blind don't pray for themselves. Friends and relatives must pray that Jesus would be pleased to touch them.

TAKEN BY THE HAND

Mark 8:23 says, "And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught."

Jesus leads this man by the hand and takes him right to a place of distinguishing, discerning, and sight.

We can observe that Jesus is the greatest example of someone who cares for others.

He not only bids a man to come to Him; He takes them by the hand, cares, leads, and restores.

WHEN YOU PRAY, YOUR HANDS ARE EXTENDED UP AND OUT

When we lift someone in prayer and bring his or her need to the presence of God, we are taking this person spiritually by the hand. Then the Holy Spirit takes him by the hand and leads him to a place of revelation, healing, and sight.

As believers, our job is not only to pray for others but also to share the gospel, helping them to be restored to their rightful place with God, His presence, and truth.

BELIEVERS ARE EYES TO THE BLIND

This also teaches us to be, as Job was, "eyes to the blind" (Job 29:15). Never will a poor blind man have such a guide and leader.

BELIEVERS ARE ALSO LEADERS

When you witness to people, lead them to Christ, and also teach them His Word. Then you are a believer who leads and mentors as Christ did.

GIVE WHAT YOU PREACH

Luke 4:18-19, says, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Jesus came to preach, to restore the sight to the blind, and to give what he preached.

As believers, we are to follow Christ's example, by preaching, teaching, sharing our faith, praying, believing, and seeing the manifestations of Christ.

Make plans to join us for a time of prayer and teaching.

WIN Conference

Saturday, November 6, 2004

A Passion for Him Through a Lifestyle of Prayer!

FRIDAY – Nov. 5, 2004
Prayer Time
7:00 PM
Falcon, Octagon Tabernacle

SATURDAY – Nov. 6, 2004
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8:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Falcon, Training Center

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2004

"Compel Them to Come"

Sunday, August 8
5:30 P.M.

J.A. Culbreth Camp Meeting Auditorium

NC Conference Goal

$290,000

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Recently I was attending a meeting and heard an interesting and startling statement. What if the U.S. Department of Health issued an alert stating that because of a growing health problem, in a short period of time only one percent of women of child-bearing capability would be able to bear children? That alert would immediately raise great concern, and gigantic efforts would be initiated to correct the situation because in a few short years, the population would suffer drastically. It goes without saying that the normal marital relationship will reproduce the human race.

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a living organism, and as such, a healthy local church must reproduce itself, or it will dry up and die. A local church reproduces itself as it adds new converts/believers to the body; it strengthens the local body and in turn the universal body of Christ as it develops the new believers into disciples. Of vital importance is that disciples learn, as part of their spiritual DNA, to reproduce themselves by witnessing to others of the saving grace of Jesus Christ and introduce them to Him as Lord and Savior. It is a startling revelation, referring back to the first paragraph about the one percent statement, that only *one percent* of U.S. churches are actively involved in "Planting Churches." As healthy marriages produce children to replenish the human race, so also the healthy church should reproduce itself as a unit. *Healthy churches should reproduce other churches.*

The North Carolina Conference is represented by local churches in 198 locations; to God be the glory for all that He is accomplishing through these 198 churches; however, as has been expressed on numerous occasions, Eastern North Carolina is not saturated with the IPHC witness. There are over 3.3 million people located within the bounds of our conference, so you can understand that there is room for much growth. In surveying the wide range of churches in this conference, I am confident that there are a number of churches who can "Mother" a church on their own and there are clusters of churches who can partner their resources together and "Mother" a church as well. The prospects and possibilities are endless and exciting, and I'm issuing the challenge again to our pastors to seek God concerning this and allow Him to speak to you. Pastors, you are the key figures in "mothering churches."

Church planting cannot be accidental; it must be intentional in order to be effective on a continuing basis. "Churches Mothering Churches" is not an accidental happening; it is to become a part of our spiritual DNA, a part of our makeup. When new churches are planted, planting another church must be included as one of their goals. Healthy churches reproduce other churches. We can't just wait for a new church to be planted in our community or in another location; we have to be intentional in our efforts. Church planting starts with a vision, vision that is birthed in the heart of a local pastor who then engineers the planting and reproduction of that vision in the hearts of his/her people.

In his book, *Visioneering*, Andy Stanley states the following: *"Vision is a clear mental picture of what could be, fueled by the conviction that it should be.* Vision is a preferred future, a destination. Vision demands change." I pray that all across the N.C. Conference, the Holy Spirit will begin to convict/convince pastors that their church, the size of which is not a determining factor, is capable of and is called to reproduce itself not only on a local level, but also in the form of another church. I believe the time is now for us to look on the spiritual field in Eastern North Carolina and see an abundant harvest and a great opportunity to plant churches like ourselves, not like ourselves, and across cultural lines. There are several more elements that closely follow "vision," and in the months to follow, we will address them. In the meantime, *mark Saturday, October 30, on your calendar!* Dr. Owen Weston will be with us for a four-hour time of ministry to give us the "nuts and bolts" of how to go about actually beginning the church planting process. We will be working with a workbook, and there will be a registration fee involved, yet for now, mark off that date on your calendar.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
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CEM Day of Training in August

Make It a Priority!

by Joyce Hodges
Local CEM Representative

Staff development, teacher training, workshops, seminars, conventions, and conferences are all very familiar terms in the realm of public education. Many school systems and individual schools are taking "quality journeys" where "continuous improvement" is expected in all areas – teaching, learning, and administration. Mediocrity and the status quo are frowned upon, and many hold to the adage, "If you keep on doing what you've always done, you'll keep on getting what you've always got." Questions such as the following surface on a regular basis: How are our students performing? What goals do we need to set to ensure proficiency in our students in all subject areas? What strategies will help us reach those goals? How will we know we have been successful in reaching those goals?

Is this same emphasis on "continuous improvement" that is so prevalent in the public education realm typical of the mind-set of those involved in Christian education in our churches? Are we in Christian education satisfied with the status quo, content with doing things exactly as they have always been done? Do we fail to seek ways to continuously improve our knowledge of the diverse learners in our classes, the content we teach, and effective methods of delivering that content? Do we have a passion to communicate effectively the greatest content of all times, the Book of all books, the Word of God, in a way to ensure that our students learn and experience life change? Do we seek out and take advantage of opportunities to help us become the best teachers we can possibly be?

Along with accepting the invitation to teach also comes the responsibility to do it with excellence. Our calling to teach should never be taken lightly, and our teaching should never be half-hearted. James 3:1 makes clear the importance God places on the teaching profession and the accountability of teachers. "Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly."

How would Jesus evaluate you today as a teacher? Would He say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant," or would He be saddened because of your complacency and lackadaisical attitude toward your teaching? Would He praise you for continually asking, "How can I improve my teaching?" or would He be grieved about your contentment with the status quo, which has prevented you from reaching the level of effectiveness you could attain?

One way you can begin to answer the question, "How can I improve my teaching?" is to make it a priority to attend our CEM Day of Training on Saturday, August 28. Reserve that day on your calendars now! Members of the North Carolina CEM Board will be presenting the content of Dr. Howard Hendricks' book, *Teaching to Change Lives: Seven Proven Ways to Make Your Teaching Come Alive*. The NC CEM Board challenges you to develop a passion to communicate by joining us in studying seven strategic concepts or laws in teaching.

1. **Law of the Teacher**: Stop growing today, and you stop teaching tomorrow.
2. **Law of Education**: How people learn determines how you teach.
3. **Law of Activity**: Maximum learning is always the result of maximum involvement.
4. **Law of Communication**: To truly impart information requires the building of bridges.
5. **Law of the Heart**: Teaching that impacts is not head to head, but heart to heart.
6. **Law of Encouragement**: Teaching tends to be most effective when the learner is properly motivated.
7. **Law of Readiness**: The teaching-learning process will be most effective when both student and teacher are adequately prepared.

Congratulations to all of the Teen Talent Quest 2004 Conference winners!

1.1 Vocal Solo – Female
Natalie Williams, Fayetteville

1.2 Vocal Solo – Male
Michael Bartlett, Clinton

2.1 Vocal/Instrumental Individual
Julie Price, Fayetteville

2.2 Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble
Crossfire Praise Band, Lumberton

3.1 Vocal Ensemble – Duets, Trios, Quartets
Turn Around, Fayetteville

3.2 Vocal Ensemble (Min 5/Max 12)
Capital Ensemble, Raleigh

3.3 Vocal Ensemble (Min 13/No Max)
Youth Covenant Choir, Fayetteville

4.1 Instrumental Solo – Wind
Bryce Todd, Williamston

4.2 Instrumental Solo – Strings, bowed
Joshua Faircloth, Fayetteville

4.3 Instrumental Solo – Strings, plucked
Darren Coleman, Raleigh

4.5 Instrumental Solo – Indefinite Pitch Percussion
Darren Coleman, Raleigh

5.1 Instrumental Ensemble – Duets, Trios, Quartets
Holly Hill Praise Band, New Bern

6.1 Keyboard Solo
Matt Coleman, Fayetteville

7.1 Communication Arts – Speech
Brittney Norton, Fayetteville

7.2 Communication Arts – Short Sermon
Moses Wilkins, Williamston

7.3 Communication Arts – Drama (Audible) Individual
Sarah Whittenton, Clinton

7.4 Communication Arts – Drama (Audible) Two or More
Grace Harbor Lighthouse Drama, Wilmington

7.5 Communication Arts – Drama (Inaudible – Mime) Individual
Brittney Norton, Fayetteville

7.7 Communication Arts Drama (Inaudible – Pantomime) Individual
Sarah Whittenton, Clinton

7.8 Communication Arts – Drama (Inaudible – Pantomime) Two or More
Grace Family Fellowship, Williamston

7.9 Communication Arts – Interpretive Dance (Classical) Individual
David Pitti, Fayetteville

7.10 Communication Arts – Interpretive Dance (Classical) Two or More
DEW, Fayetteville

7.11 Communication Arts – Interpretive Dance (Contemporary) Individual
David Pitti, Fayetteville

7.12 Communication Arts – Interpretive Dance (Contemporary) Two or More
DIVE Dance Team, Raleigh

8.1 Creative Arts – Painting
Kate Buck, New Bern

8.2 Creative Arts – Graphics
Lisa Thomas, Wilmington

8.3 Creative Arts – Three Dimensional Art
Amanda Evans, Wilson

8.4 Creative Arts – Photography
Courtney Novrocki, Greenville

8.5 Creative Arts – Fabricated Art
Rachel Flowers, New Bern

9.1 Creative Writing – Non-Fiction
Michael Bartlett, Clinton

9.2 Creative Writing – Fiction
Tres Tew, Wilmington

9.3 Creative Writing – Poetry
Tahj Harris, Wilmington

Please look next month for the Junior Talent Quest 2004 winners.

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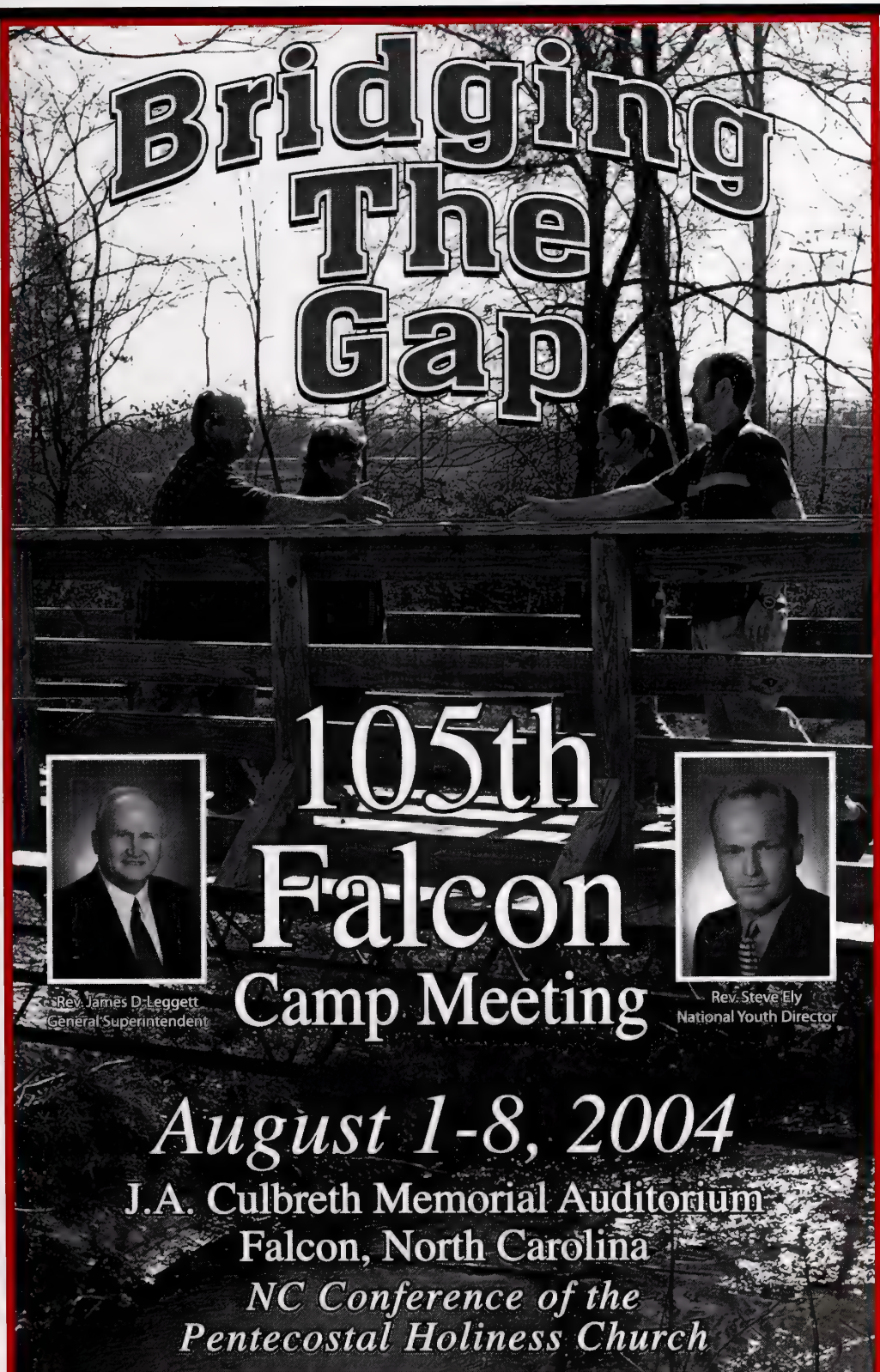

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

The Journey Toward Health and Renewal

The General Superintendent, Bishop James D. Leggett, has mapped out an exciting and aggressive plan for local Pentecostal Holiness Churches. The plan involves a process for health and renewal. The total process includes establishing coaching teams for consultation, mentors for mentoring pastors, coaches for select pastors, and teaching churches as model churches. The first stage is the establishing of consulting teams within each conference.

The timeline is as follows:

2004 – Beginning of consultant teams
2005 – Mentor training and begin operation for consulting
2006 – Coaches and model churches

As each stage of the process begins, it carries over into succeeding stages.

Consultant Training Conferences were held in three areas. These were:

February 23-25, Dallas, Texas
February 4-6, Falcon, NC
March 1-3, Atlanta, Georgia

The North Carolina teams attended and hosted the Falcon training. Some 27 from the N.C. Conference were in attendance.

Instructors at all three locations were Conrad Lowe, president of Denominational Partnerships; George Bullard, executive coach at Lake Hickory Learning Communities of Hollifield Leadership Center; and Ken Rhodes, president of Resultants International, Inc. The speakers led participants through an extensive consultant training manual. The schedule was packed with instruction, group interaction, and evaluation. As a result of the session, each conference was given the ability to form its own team or teams of trained consultants who can go into any church under their supervision and provide consultation.

Since the initial training, the N.C. Conference brought back Conrad Lowe on April 27 to spend an additional day with the N.C. Conference teams. It was an excellent day.

The N.C. Conference is now beginning the process. Two teams will function in June. On June 10, 11, and 12, a team will visit the Hope Mills Church. The team will be led by team captain Rev. Bill Wooten. On June 25, 26, and 27, a team will visit the Sanford First Church. This team will be led by Rev. Frank Gentry.

The process for a team to visit a local church is very simple. The pastor may make request for a visit to the conference superintendent, who will schedule a team as quickly as possible. Teams will also be sent to the churches who are selecting a new pastor.

The costs for the visits will be worked out between the local church board and conference superintendent's office.

The teams will consist of a team captain, successful current pastors, successful retired pastors, successful lay leaders, prayer persons, and, if available, various conference department leaders. The number of those participating will vary according to need and availability of team members.

These have been trained in North Carolina as Consulting Team members – Superintendent Thompson, Roland Harrell, Danny Nelson, Charles Boyd, Luis Avila, Jimmy Whitfield, Bobby Williams, Paul Brafford, Doug Bartlett, Ronnie Basden, Wiley Clark, Patsy Deese, Dwight Dunning, Paul Evans, Ray Faircloth Sr., Lydia Figueroa, Frank Gentry, Danny Harris, Gordon Knox, Oris Hubbard, Wiley Hughes, Linda Thomas, W.M. (Bill) Wooten, John Parker, Elwood Long, King White, and Terry Whittenton.

The typical weekend is as follows:

Friday Night - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Assessment of Local Church
Saturday 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Morning – Training
Afternoon – Goal Setting and Planning

A special commissioning service will be held either on Saturday night or in the Sunday morning service.

The invitation is given for the entire church to attend any or all of these sessions. Special emphasis is for all local leaders to attend. During the sessions, small group breakout sessions will be held with the church people attending.

On July 6 in Falcon, Conrad Lowe will be speaking to all the N.C. Conference pastors. He will be explaining in more detail the entire consulting program. Every pastor is encouraged to attend. The sessions will run from 9:00 a.m. to about 4:30 p.m. It will be a great day. CEU credits will be awarded. The emphasis will be to pastors, but anyone may attend.

This is an excellent program for the health and renewal of our congregations. It is the wish and prayer of the conference board that many of our churches get involved. More information will be forthcoming on the mentoring and coaching programs.

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District Churches of the Year

These churches were recognized as the District Churches of the Year for 2003. (Rocky Mount District had a tie). Points are earned based on membership growth, Sunday morning attendance growth, Sunday school attendance growth, paying of the General Tithe, paying of the Conference Allocation, and giving to other ministries such as Missions, Church Planting, W.M., Men's Ministries, etc.

We congratulate these churches and pastors.

Church	*Pastor*	*District*
Maranatha	Pastor Richard Robinson	Morehead City District
Baywood	Pastor Wiley Hughes	Fayetteville District
Mount Olive	Pastor Doug Bartlett	Goldsboro District
Gospel Tabernacle	Pastor Ron Wooten	Clinton District
Benson	Pastor Jimmy Barnhill	Raleigh District
Hamilton	Pastor David Blake	Williamston District
Rivers of Living Waters	Pastor Carlos Carrillo	Hispanic District
Lamm's Grove	Pastor Tony Hawley	Wilson District
New Covenant	Pastor Marc Swanner	Rocky Mount District
Friendship	Pastor Phillip Lewis	New Bern District
Graceway Fellowship	Pastor Jonathan Dixon	Greenville District
Vaughan's Chapel	Pastor Jerry Barbee	Rocky Mount District
Abbottsburg	Pastor James Hodge	Lumberton District
Snead's Ferry	Pastor Thomas Holt	Wilmington District

We extend congratulations to Lamm's Grove and Pastor Tony Hawley for being the Conference Church of the Year. For 2003 the church increased in membership 178%, and Sunday morning attendance increased 28%. Their General Tithe and Conference Allocation went up 4%. Well done!

SPECIAL TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer at the Octagon Tabernacle. All local churches, WIN captains, and pastors are asked to participate and organize a time of prayer at the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon, N.C.

This special time of prayer will be held once a month. This will be a time for unified prayer. The prayer of agreement is a powerful weapon.

Churches signed up are:

Smyrna PH	July 24, 2004	11:00 a.m.
The First PH Church	August 14, 2004	10:00 a.m.
Ayden PH	September 11, 2004	11:00 a.m.
St. Pauls First	October 31, 2004	3:00 p.m.
Whitley PH	November 7, 2004	6:00 p.m.
Tabernacleo De Evangelio	December 4, 2004	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

November 6, 2004, WIN Conference at Falcon, N.C.

Friday – 7:00 P.M. Prayer
Saturday – 8:45 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Speaker: Pastor Michael Fletcher
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To sign up, please call 910-429-0312, Lydia Figueroa, WIN Director

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY/AUGUST

Rev. Mrs. Edna Parker . . . . . July 1
Rev. Sherrill Pope . . . . . July 4
Rev. Reuben Batchelor. . . . . July 6
Rev. M.R. Britton . . . . . July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall. . . . . July 19
Rev. Mrs. Betty Dowdy. . . . . July 21
Rev. Ezra Fann . . . . . July 21
Rev. Jesse Parson . . . . . July 27
Rev. Kenneth Tart . . . . . .August 4
Rev. W.H. Tyson . . . . . .August 4
Rev. Edsel Hooks . . . . . .August 9
Rev. W.G. Batten . . . . . .August 10
Rev. Joe Russell . . . . . .August 13
Rev. J.H. Norton . . . . . .August 18
Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell . .August 19
Rev. T.H. Godwin . . . . . .August 20
Rev. H.P. Woodard . . . . . .August 22
Rev. Joe Arthur. . . . . .August 26
Rev. W.V. Denning. . . . . .August 26

2004 Camp Meeting
Schedule of Services

Sunday, August 1

6:30 p.m.	Rev. Steve Ely

Monday, August 2

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 a.m.	Rev. L. B. Collins
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Steve Ely
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. James D. Leggett

Tuesday, August 3

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 a.m.	Rev. David Bryan
11:00 a.m.	Bishop James Leggett
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. Steve Ely

Wednesday, August 4

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Ms. Wanda Bayles
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Steve Ely
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Bishop James Leggett

Thursday, August 5

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Angel Padilla
11:00 a.m.	Bishop James Leggett
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. Steve Ely

Friday, August 6

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Clayton Guthrie
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Steve Ely
11:00 a.m.	Special Ladies Session – Mrs. Faye Leggett, Speaker
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon – Private Dining Room
2:00 p.m.	Ministers' Wives Fellowship – Mrs. Edna Parker; Speaker
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Bishop James Leggett

Saturday, August 7

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Jon Oliver
11:00 a.m.	Bishop James Leggett
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Youth Emphasis – Director: Rev. Charles Boyd – Message: Rev. Steve Ely

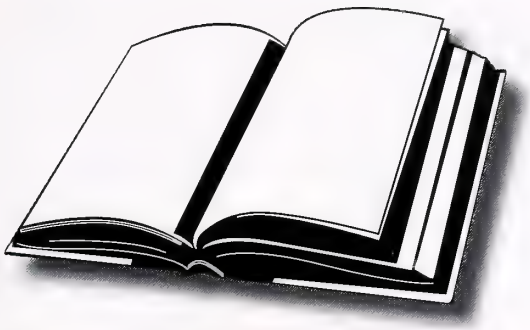
Sunday, August 8

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school – Octagon Tabernacle – Teacher: Rev. Charles Boyd
11:00 a.m.	Rev. D. Chris Thompson
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	World Evangelism Emphasis – Director: Rev. Danny Nelson – Message: Bishop James Leggett

Special Note: Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be awarded to ministers who attend the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. classes. One credit will be offered for each session attended.

The 9:30 a.m. service will be held in the Octagon Tabernacle. All other sessions of the Camp Meeting will be held in the J.A. Culbreth Tabernacle.

Book Reviews



Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

The Battle for God: Responding to the Challenge of Neotheism

by Norman S. Geisler and H. Wayne House. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 2001. 336 pages.

Perhaps the greatest battle of all is the battle for God, for without Him, all reason to believe vanishes into thin air, Christians have nothing to stand on, and we might as well throw in the towel and quit, hanging our heads down in total, unsparing defeat. In the recent past, we have fought battles over the Bible, inerrancy, miracles, creation, ecumenism, abortion, New Age, the resurrection, and many others, but none compare to the onslaught by some theologians who seek to destroy the very foundation on which Christian faith stands. Neotheism, this subtle and almost believable deviation from historic Christianity, just may be the Trojan Horse of the Christian Church as we know it today. Some ministers and churches are allowing this kind of teaching into their ranks and hearts, and who knows where it will stop before it is all over? I am troubled, hurt, perturbed, and otherwise shocked by the steady advance of this horrific doctrine that slowly and steadily winds its way as a deadly vine around the life and limbs of postmodern Christianity.

Men like Geisler and House serve as a dynamic gift from God to the church. They and others like them help the church to gain a strong foothold back to the basics of fundamental Christian doctrine. This publication, while making no claim to be exhaustive by any stretch of the imagination, does contain enough information and ordered, biblical truth to help any minister or layperson know what the issues are and how to refute this evil intrusion and defend the sanctified truth of God's Holy Word.

Neotheism, known also as the openness of God or free-will theism, plays to the depraved nature of man, in the sense that what this teaching advocates is something many people want to believe. Some of its teachings have strong appeal. It humanizes God and places Him in a role as if He is a partner in our future, allowing us room and space to make choices, so much so that He does not have sovereign control over it all, thus playing a game of risk and chance. It implies that some of the prophecies found in the Scriptures just may not come true because God's knowledge is fallible. Such unsettled realities would cause much concern to any of us if God's unlimited knowledge and power might somehow be limited. It equates God as a learner. It reduces Him to a lesser, finite god, to a god that is not the same as the Infinite One revealed in the Holy Bible. It undermines the reality and validity of Scriptures. If the Scriptures are wrong, then maybe God is wrong, and if He is wrong, then whom can we trust?

The authors overwhelmingly and convincingly refute this "redefining of God" by the scriptures, the consistent teachings of the church fathers, and the creeds of Christendom. Neotheism stands in direct contradiction to the Word of God and the teachings of Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Origen, Augustine, John Chrysostom, Anselm, Aquinas, Martin Luther, Jacobus Arminius, John Calvin, Francis Turretin, Stephen Charnock, John Wesley, and Jonathan Edwards. This gives Clark Pinnock, Greg Boyd, John Sanders, William Hasker, John Polkinghorne, and other neotheists good reason to examine themselves whether they be of the faith!

I highly recommend this book to any inquiring Christian who desires to know more about neotheism and the advances it is making into the church. It was a great joy to meet this "friend," and I will consult it many times over the course of time, the Lord willing.

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The Serpent of Paradise

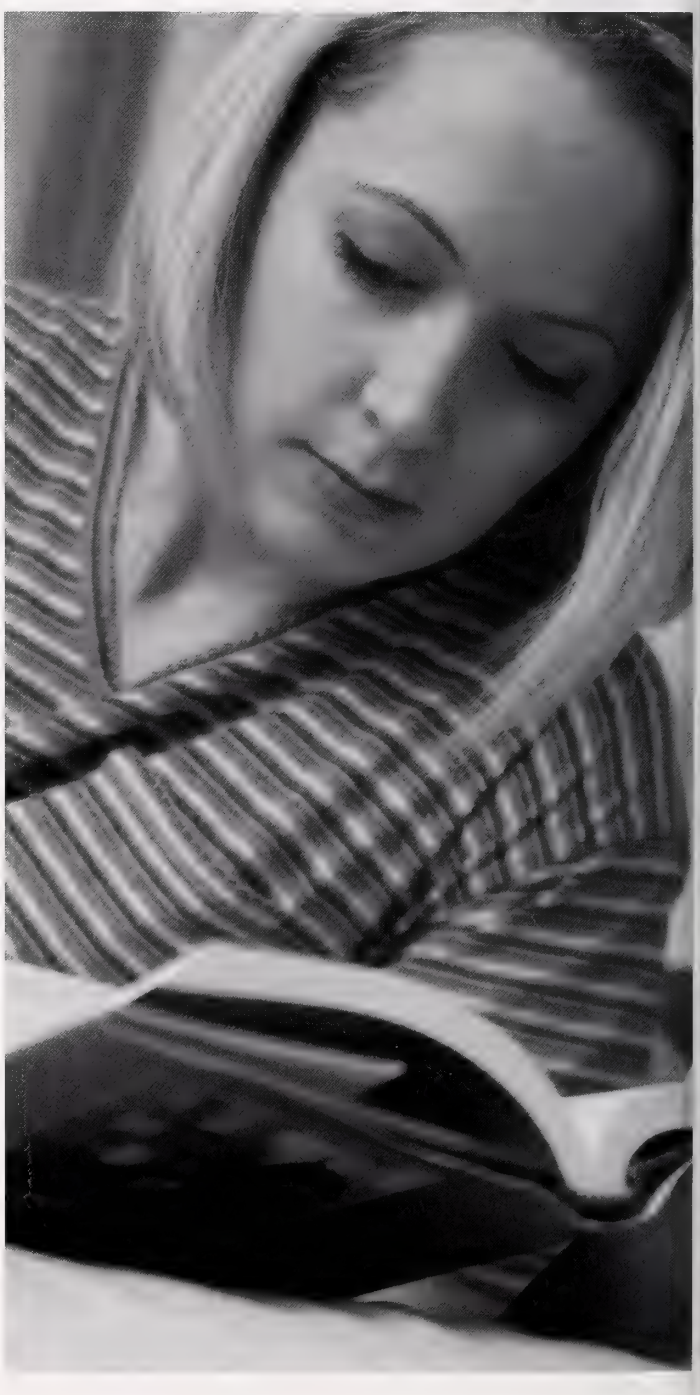
by Erwin W. Lutzer. Chicago: Moody Press. 192 pages.

Some of the readers may not have read this book that emphasizes how Satan's rebellion serves God's purposes even today. It was Martin Luther who stated, "The Devils is God's Devil," which means that Satan, although cast out of heaven and declared to be the god of this age, remains a servant for God and cannot make a move without God's express consent. Lutzer does a fine job of putting the devil in this rightful place. On occasions, Christians think their God is too small, and the Devil is too big. Yes, we need a proper theology of God and Satan.

For Christians, it is not enough to simply know that Satan exists. We must clearly understand how he works and plies his trade against saints and sinners alike. We cannot afford to be ignorant of his methods or schemes. To increase one's knowledge of God has its advantages, but at the same time, it is imperative to know your enemy as well. While it may not help much if we knew exactly where hell is today, to know how to escape it is most useful indeed. Knowing Satan and his schemes is useful only for the purpose of overcoming him. Chrysostom understood this when he wrote, "I fear nothing but sin." Lutzer contends that when the believer sees God in all of his majesty and sovereignty according to biblical revelation, and worships Him, the Devil will not seem such a menacing, powerful figure after all. Since Satan is finite and God infinite, Satan must play by God's rules. He roars like a ferocious lion to frighten, but can only roam with the boundaries set by the Almighty. Satan is no match for our God. However, Satan is as strong as we believe him to be. Just how strong is Satan? What are his limitations? What are his evil methodologies? How does Satan serve God's purposes on our behalf in terms of developing our Christian character?

We believe "veritas vincit," that truth at last triumphs, but Satan's lies seem to do great damage in the meantime. False religion, Satan's most powerful strategy against mankind, is the devil's game, and millions of people play at their own risk. He makes Islam appealing to the masses. He makes sin look good. He works through false religion as his most powerful medium to deceive, defile, and destroy. Yet our own Pentecostal Holiness missionaries give testimony how the Word of God and the Spirit of God break through the most terrible of barriers, and draws people to true faith in Jesus Christ. Christianity is more powerful than any false religion in the world today because it stands on the truth of God's Word, and His Word will go on forever in triumph and amazing victory!

This book should be read by all believers who seek biblical insight into the ways of God, including having His way with the fallen creature, Lucifer himself. Happy Reading!



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RESHAPING LIVES

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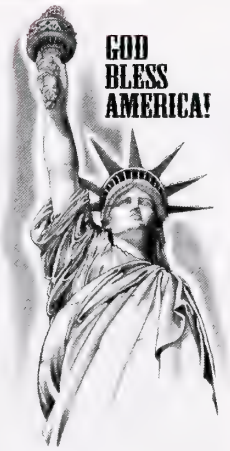
"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs



"In Christ and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." –Ephesians 3:12

Dear Women of God:

On July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from England, and democracy was born. Every day, thousands leave their homeland to come to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" so they can begin their American Dream.

On one of my trips to Brazil, one of the things that caught my attention was that on the main street of Fortaleza, soldiers carried guns and watched every move we made. It was really strange for me. I remember thinking to myself, "Praise God, we don't have to live like that in the United States of America." But today we are living in uncertain times, and with the threat of terrorism across the land, we have been forced to allow extra time for security inspections, to be more careful where we go and how we travel.

I would like to share with you a prayer that I found that was taken from a Chaplain's Service Book of Prayers:

"A Prayer for Our Country"

Almighty God, you have given us this great land as our heritage. We humbly pray that we may always remember your generosity and faithfully do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Defend our liberties and strengthen the resolve of the people who have come from throughout the world to make America their home. Lead us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Help us to appreciate the opportunities that are ours as we struggle to bring harmony to an unsettled world. May we balance our concern for justice with a willingness to display mercy, and may our concern for security be tempered with a willingness to take risks which will produce worthwhile change for the good of all people. O Lord, we pray for your guidance as we work together for the best interest of our communities, our nation, our world, and the ultimate goal of peace. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, may our deepest trust be in you. Amen.

Please continue praying for our country and our leaders. Together we can make a difference!

In His Love, *"Mrs. Patsy"*

Ladies Night Out!

On March 12, Family Life Tabernacle Women's Ministries in the Greenville District had a sleepover at the church. It was their makeover night! Thirteen attended; four had to leave about 4:00 a.m., but the others stayed until 7:00 a.m. They started their night by going out to eat. After arriving back at the church, the fun began. They did exercises and played games. They had foot massagers who massaged their feet with lotion. They had their nails done, and the pastor's wife, Juanita Ormond, fixed the women's hair. The girls had so much fun that time just flew. They're planning to get together soon so they can finish all their activities.

Dot Letchworth with a "wig."

Juanita Ormond getting a hand, face, and foot massage. It really relaxes you!

MISS UNDERSTOOD *What?*

The ladies of the Boardman Pentecostal Holiness Church presented the Miss Understood Pageant as part of their W.M. Day program. The pastor's wife, Mrs. Carol Davis, gave the devotion. Eleven ladies participated in the program, and they did a wonderful job playing their parts! W.M. ladies served as ushers and greeted folks as they came in the church, while others sang in the choir.

There was a lot of laughter during the pageant, but also a lot of soul-searching. Questions about our attitudes toward others became very real. How do we see those who don't look or act like us? Do we see them out of spiritual eyes, or do we just look the other way?

At the end of the service, as everyone gathered around the altar, Pastor T.P. Davis prayed for the Lord to help us love people the way He loves them. Our W.M. Day was a great success because God the Holy Spirit was there.

Morehead City District Planning Session

Morehead City District W.M. Director Mrs. Gale Taylor meets with ladies of the Morehead City District to plan an upcoming W.M. Rally. NCWM Board Member Mrs. Lois Trueblood joined the group.

Potpourri...

Juicier Burgers – To make your hamburgers juicier, place a small piece of ice inside the patty just before grilling. The melting ice will help replenish moisture lost during cooking.

Colorful Cubes – Add color and taste to your ice cubes by placing a small piece of fruit into each section of the ice cube trays before freezing.

Prevent Uninvited Guests – To keep insects away while you're grilling, sprinkle the coals with rosemary, basil, or dried lemon peel. They not only repel flies, but they also give off a great aroma and make food taste better.

Keep Them Handy – Store those handy trial-sized bottles of sunscreen, lotion, and antibacterial gel in the glove compartment of your car.

Make tangled necklaces a memory by hanging them from cup hooks on the inside of the closed door.

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How Do I KNOW I'm In God's WILL?

by Randy Hardee

Good decision-making skills are an important characteristic of a real man of God. We all face decisions on a daily basis. Some decisions are minor, such as whether to wear a blue shirt or a white shirt, or whether to have beef or fish for dinner. However, many decisions we face in life have lasting implications. These implications can be good if correct decisions are made, and dreadful if incorrect decisions are made. Achieving God's will in our decision-making process leads to good decisions. But how do we really know if we are in God's will? How can we be sure we are heading in the right direction? Let's discuss some possible methods to use to help us make good decisions, especially major decisions such as buying a new home, changing jobs, ministerial direction, or choosing the right partner for a long-term commitment.

First, we must present the situation to God in specific and fervent prayer; this is a critical first step. You may be thinking, "I already do this." However, is there more to it? Something more to which you can be sensitive, to guide you in the right choice?

John Maxwell teaches in *21 Laws of Leadership* that there are three "Key Questions" to ask yourself when facing decisions:

- What are "inner impulses" telling me?
- Is the direction or probable choice "biblically sound"?
- What are "trends or sequences of events" revealing?

Let's take a look at these three points:

What are inner impulses telling me?

Do you ever hear that inner voice speaking to you? If we are living a sound Christian life that includes daily Bible reading and prayer, Christ will speak to us about our decisions. Through wisdom gained from everyday living, we should exercise common sense, also known as good, old-fashioned "horse sense." Often, this will point us in the right direction. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said in Proverbs 2:6, "For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding." Now, I would like to share a personal experience. About three years ago, a strange feeling came over me, and I began to have frequent thoughts of selling my house and eliminating my debt. It was a beautiful home in which I had invested a large amount of hard work and time. I took great pride in this house with its five bathrooms, and yet, a constant debate was going on in my mind about selling it. I had a strange inner impulse to put it on the market. Many questions began to flood my thoughts. Why should I sell now, of all times? The local housing market was on the rocks, and many houses in our small town had been on the market for years. On top of that, when I first shared my feelings with my wife, she said her spirit did not agree with mine about selling our home. However, she agreed to pray about it and seek God's direction. After praying for a few days, the Holy Spirit revealed to her that this was indeed the direction for us to take. God gave both of us the inner impulses needed to lead us in the right direction.

Is it biblically sound?

We must search the scriptures and be sure we are not in conflict with what God says about the subject. As Christians, none of us wants to do anything that is not biblically sound. For example, leaving your wife for another woman or accepting a job as a nightclub manager would not be biblically sound. David says in Psalm 119:104, "Through thy precepts I get understanding"; and later he says in Psalm 119:169, "Let my cry come near before thee O Lord; give me understanding." With regards to selling my home, I knew that lowering my debt would be biblically sound, so I passed this critical test.

Are sequences of events, trends, or circumstances lining up in the direction of my inner impulses?

This is a really interesting point to which we should be sensitive. In Genesis 24:12-14, Abraham's servant prayed for a sequence of events to prove God's will for revealing a wife for Isaac. A series of events took place, beginning at a watering hole where Rebekah gave water to the camels. This ultimately united Rebekah with Isaac. In an act of faith, I put my house on the market. At first, several couples came and viewed the house, but no offers were extended for several weeks. Then, about eight weeks later, while my family and I were on vacation, the realtor tracked us down at our hotel and presented an offer. The offer came from the first couple who looked at our house. Four weeks later, the house was sold, and we purchased a smaller home that we love. Little did we know at the time that in seven months our family would unexpectedly encounter some major medical expenses. My wife would also quit work to stay at home and homeschool our youngest daughter. Fortunately, because we were debt free, we were able to avoid financial distress. God knew what lay ahead for us, and he graciously prepared our hearts and helped me to make the right decisions for my family's future. Because I listened to my inner impulses, passed the biblically sound test, and was sensitive to a sequence of events, we were able to weather the storm.

What about you? Are you facing decisions about your job, your finances, your children, or perhaps your ministry? Whatever it is, use this three-point process to prove God's will in your life. You never know what's waiting just around the corner for you.

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Exhortation by Rev. Luis Avila

Tema: Centinelas de Dios
Texto: Isaías 62:1,6-7

Introducción:

Isaías 62 es una palabra profiética de la restauración de Israel en el futuro, pero también es un llamado a la intercesión y oración, no sólo por el bienestar de Israel pero también por el evance de la iglesia y el reino de Dios en la actualidad.

1. La base de nuestra intercesión.

El amor y la compasión estan unidos con la oración. La base de nuestra intercesión debe ser el amor y creo que sin amor no tomaríamos tiempo para orar e interceder por otros.

Porque amo a Sion, porque mi corazón suspira por Jerusalem, no cesaré de orar por ella o de interceder por ella ante Dios... Isaías 62:1. Amor es acción, oración es amor y acción. En este versículo se nos dice que guardemos silencio, que no desmayemos de orar e interceder.

2. Los Guardas puestos por Dios.

Sobre tus muros he puesto guardas Isaías 62:6-7. Los guardas eran puestos para vigilar contra los ladrones y ataques del enemigo. Los guardas no podían dormir, ni descuidar su puesto

Esto es exactamente lo que el Señor nos dice a nosotros hoy, según lo vemos en Mateo 26:38, Jesús dijo velad conmigo . Cuando el Señor fue al monte de los olivos se llevó a tres de sus discípulos a un lugar aparte, pero luego que Jesús regresó de orar los halló durmiendo. Mateo 26:40 y les dijo: velad y orad Mateo 26:41.

3. Los guardas se situaban a veces en una torre o una colina para poder observar la ciudad.

Esto me recuerda que la oración nos da la habilidad de observar las circunstancias y situaciones desde un mejor ángulo. La oración desarrolla la habilidad sensitiva de: ver, sentir y percibir ya sea las necesidades, un camino que se debe tomar, un cambio que se debe hacer, O una acción a seguir.

Un intercesor puede avisar proféticamente algo a la iglesia, porque el está en lo alto, en el lugar de la oración y puede observar por el Espíritu situaciones o necesidades especiales de la iglesia.

4. El centinela tenía una responsabilidad muy seria.

De él dependia el aprevimiento de la ciudad y la preparación para hacer frente a cualquier cosa. Un descuido del centinela, también podría tomar a una ciudad descuidada.

Los muros que rodeaban las ciudades en aquellos días, eran para proveer protección. Los muros representan protección. La oración representa lo mismo. La intercesión provee protección para el pueblo de Dios, al mismo tiempo que nos arma para pelear y ganar una batalla.

5. La expresión te he puesto (Isaías 62:6, 7), indica un llamado, asignado o colocado en una posición. Este es el llamado de Dios para nosotros, un llamado a la oración y tomar nuestra posición como intercesores.

Las palabras dia y noche nos habla de la perseverancia, la cual está basada en la fe y la esperanza. La oración es para los que persisten en recibir lo que piden y por lo que claman.

La palabra Hasta es una palabra que señala el momento que comienza una acción o el momento en que habrá de ocurrir algo. Esto es particular en Ia oración, no dejamos de interceder hasta que algo esté pasando o veamos una respuesta.

Las palabras no dar tregua referidas a Dios significan no descansen ni lo dejen descansar. Es la connotación de no perder tiempo, demostrar urgencia, no permitir las interrupciones, no cesar. Es así como viven los que han comprendido la importancia y valor de la intercesión, no pierden tiempo, sino que claman a tiempo y filera de tiempo.

Esta tregua no es porque Dios es sordo, desinteresado o no tenga capacidad de hacer lo que pedimos. El no dar tregua implica un tiempo; un tiempo de espera y esto nos recuerda que en toda oración hay una batalla, unos planes divinos y un tiempo de manifestación de la respuesta.

6. Nuestra intercesión esta fundada en las promesas de Dios.

Isaías 62:11 He aquí lo que el Señor ha proclamado... Dios ha dicho que lo haría, Dios ha hablado Sus gloriosas promesas, debemos esperar con paciencia que sus promesas se vuelvan realidad, se harán realidad para los que saben esperar con fe.

Oh Jerusalem, sobre tus muros he puesto intercesores que día y noche clamarán a Dios pidiendo ci cumplimiento de sus promesas Isaías 62:6,7

Los promesas de Dios se buscan, se creen, se reclaman y se esperan, la oaración le da validez al cumplimiento de sus promesas, porque estamos intercediendo sobre lo que El ha dicho.

Conclusión:

Como centinelas de Dios, tomemos nuestra posición y cumplamos el llamado de Dios de interceder, especialmente por nuestro país, nuestra ciudad, nuestra iglesia y nuestra Conferencia.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

PLANTING CHURCHES

It has been stated that the single most effective evangelistic tool for our time is, "planting churches". In 1900 there were 27 churches for every 10,000 people in America yet today there are less then 11 churches for every 10,000 people. The only hope for America is for us to plant churches within every neighborhood and every culture. The time is now and the time is ripe for us in the North Carolina Conference to pool our resources and mother (plant) churches. As we stated in the June issue; "church planting cannot be accidental; it must be intentional in order to be effective". Mothering churches must become part of our Spiritual DNA. Church planting starts with a vision; vision that is birthed in the heart of the local pastor.

"VISION IS A CLEAR MENTAL PICTURE OF WHAT COULD BE, FUELED BY THE CONVICTION THAT IT SHOULD BE".

I believe there are pastors and churches in the N.C. Conference who are sensing the burden to extend their ministry by mothering another church or daughter congregation.

This question is asked over and over and just in case this is your question; I have a couple of responses. The question: Why plant churches?

1. *New congregations are more evangelistic.*

Among evangelical churches, those under three years old will win ten people to Christ per year for every 100 church members; those 3 to 15 years old will win five people per year for every 100 members and after age 15, the number drops to three per year per 100 members. (Bruce McNicol)

Lyle Schaller writes; "new churches are more likely to reach more people and to grow in size than are long-established churches. Perhaps the simplest explanation of this pattern is that new congregations are organized around evangelism and reaching people not actively involved in the life of any worshipping community. By contrast, powerful internal institutional pressures tend to encourage long-established churches to allocate most of their resources to the care of members. One result is that the vast majority of new congregations in the U.S. reach their peak in size during the first two or three decades of their existence and then remain on a plateau in size or begin to shrink in numbers." Generally new congregations have a higher level of commitment toward evangelism. They realize that their survival as a church depends on constantly reaching new people.

2. *New Congregations are a Blessing to Established Churches*

One fallacy that the enemy would instill in the minds of established churches is that a new church starting in their area will hurt their attendance and income. Fear is one of the first tactics the enemy will use against Christians to keep them from doing what God wants them to do. Losing church members to new congregations is a common fear expressed, yet one that should be quickly dispelled. No church is going to be effective in reaching the entire community. Just as a radio station will not reach all people and must target a particular group to gain an audience; churches will be more effective focusing on particular target groups. The exciting thing about starting new churches is that they are often able to reach people that have been un-reached by all other existing efforts of established churches.

Therefore my prayer is and join me in this prayer, that God will plant the vision to plant churches in the hearts of pastors and into the dynamics of local churches.

Andy Stanley states; "vision gives significance to the otherwise meaningless details of our lives; vision brings your world into focus, vision brings order to chaos". He further states that vision evokes emotion; it provides motivation; it provides direction and translates into purpose. When we couple all of the above with seeking God's will and direction for our lives and ministries, I believe that church planting will take on a new priority.

There are a number of churches in this conference who have the resources to mother and plant a new church; there are also a number of other churches who can partner together and do the same.

If you're willing to take the challenge and explore the possibility of mothering/planting a church I urge you to mark this date on your calendar. Dr. Weston will be with us in a one day workshop to lay out the nuts and bolts of mothering/planting a church. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3OTH, 8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM AT WHITLEY P.H. CHURCH. There will be a $50 registration fee per church that participates. We certainly encourage the pastor to be present with key personnel involved in church planting. The registration forms and letters will soon be mailed.

Africa is Calling!

by Jimmie and Angie Pope

Hello, we are the Pope's: Jimmie, Angie, Taylor (13), Gabriel (9), Logan (6), and MaKayla (5); and we are missionaries to Nairobi, Kenya, in Africa. Our journey began in the Winter of 2001 when the Lord placed a calling in my wife's heart for Africa. As Angie prayed one day, she gave herself completely up to Him and asked, "What will you have me do?" The Lord spoke to her and said, "Go", and she said, "Go where, Lord?" He told her "Africa," and that she would "Lead the children out of the darkness and into the Light."

After sharing her excitement with me, I had many questions for God. You know, the usual ones that begin with "Okay, but what if …?" I am very thankful our Lord is compassionate, and He must have a good sense of humor because I can only imagine He laughed a few times over the next several weeks with all my questions. One day on the way to work, the Lord blessed me with His grace and mercy as the Holy Spirit comforted me in my time of questions. He answered every question, even the ones I had not thought of, and the comfort I felt from Him was so overwhelming that I can still feel it today. He also shared with me what I would be doing for Him in Africa. I had always known what my wife spoke was true and that we were to go to Africa, but now I had the confirmation within my own heart.

Please understand, we have no ministry degree or missionary experience, but we have a willing and obedient heart for God. It is said, "God does not always call the equipped, but He will equip the called." This is very true, for as we have prepared for Africa over these last few years, God has been preparing Africa for us. We have taken several visits to Kenya and even led a missionary team to Nairobi and Nakuru, where we ministered to and medically treated around 1,000 children. I believe the people of Kenya are as ready for us to be there as much as we are ready to go.

While in Kenya, Angie and I will be working to establish a children's ministry for the homeless through the Calvary Worship Center pastored by Philip List. To date, there are over one million street children in the city of Nairobi alone. We also will be working with the People to People program, which is a program designed to help support destitute children and the children of national pastors. I will be assessing the Kenyan laws about what I can do medically with my Doctorate in Pharmacy, with hopes of providing needed medical attention to the homeless children. Angie and I will be working side-by-side to provide spiritual and medical needs to the children of Nairobi, Kenya, and its outlying areas. We are excited to be servants for the Lord, and we welcome your partnership in our endeavors.

The Pope's have begun itinerating and would welcome the opportunity to share their vision with your congregation. They may be reached at 252-752-3433 home or 252-347-4824 cell.

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Praise the Lord!

Exciting News!

History was made in Falcon this past summer with our Youth Camps. For the first time ever, we went strictly on a grade-based camp system and divided into five different camps. The Lord truly blessed all five camps with His sweet Spirit.

We ended the camp season with the first ever N.C. Conference Falcon Youth Camp Hispanic Camp, July 2-4. This was an exciting weekend for our Hispanic churches. Rev. Fernando Angulo, CEM board member and director of the camp, did a fantastic job in bringing together pastors to give the Word, putting together a wonderful praise and worship team involving the youth from the Hispanic churches, as well as bringing together the leaders needed to pull off a great youth camp. The youth had a great time with recreation, the camp food and, of course, being fed the Word!

We are already looking ahead to the youth camp of 2005, with anticipation of making it another historical year.

Alabado sea el Señor!

Noticias emocionantes!

Historia ha sido hecha este pasado campamento de verano con nuestros campamentos de jovenes! Por primera vez nosotros fuimos etrictamente en la base del sistema de grados y dividimos en 5 diferentes grupos el campamento! El Senor realmente bendijo todos los 5 campamentos con su dulce Espiritu!

Nosotros terminamos nuestra temporada de campamentos con el "primer" campamento Hispano de jovenes en la conferencia de Carolina del Norte (Julio 2-4). Este fue un emocionante fin de semana para nuestras Iglesias Hispanas. El Rev. Fernando Angulo, miembro de la junta del Ministerio de Educacion Cristiana y Director del campamento hizo un trabajo fantastico trayendo pastores a compartir la "Palabra de DIOS", al poner juntos a un maravilloso grupo de adoracion y alabanza involucrando jovenes de varias de nuestras Iglesias Hispanas, tan bueno fue tambien poner a trabajar juntos a varios lideres de jovenes necesarios para asi tener un grandioso campamento. La juventud Hispana tuvo un gran tiempo con recreacion, buen alimento y pro supuesto haber sido alimentados con la palabra de DIOS.

Estamos listos mirando hacia adelante para el campamento del 2005, con anticipacion de hacer otro año historico.

Congratulations to all of the Junior Talent Quest 2004 Conference winners!

1.1 Vocal Solo – Female
Laura Kay Sherman – Fayetteville

1.2 Vocal Solo – Male
Ryan Gray – Rocky Mount

3.1 Vocal Ensemble – Duets. Trios, Quartets
Kassie Inman & Stephanie Canady – Lumberton

3.2 Vocal Ensemble (Min 5/Max 12)
The Capital Church Ensemble – Raleigh

3.3 Vocal Ensemble (Min 13/No Max)
SWAT Junior Ensemble – Fayetteville

4.1 Instrumental Solo – Wind
Ryan Gray – Rocky Mount

4.2 Instrumental Solo – Strings, bowed
Whitney Small – Fayetteville

4.4 Instrumental Solo – Definite Pitch Percussion
Megan Hamilton – Lumberton

4.5 Instrumental Solo – Indefinite Pitch Percussion
Conner Young – Wilmington

5.1 Instrumental Ensemble – Duets, Trios, Quartets
Living Faith Fellowship – Rocky Mount

6.1 Keyboard – Solo
David Carter – Fayetteville

7.1 Communication Arts – Speech
Joshua Clegg – Lumberton

7.2 Communication Arts – Short Sermon
Mary Cate Duffy – Fayetteville

7.3 Communication Arts – Drama (Audible) Individual
Adam Stedman – Lumberton

7.4 Communication Arts – Drama (Audible) Two or More
Grace Harbor Junior Drama Team – Wilmington

7.6 Communication Arts – Drama (Inaudible – Mime) Two or More
SWAT Drama – Fayetteville

7.7 Communication Arts Drama (Inaudible – Pantomime) Individual
Ryan Gray – Rocky Mount

7.8 Communication Arts – Drama (Inaudible – Pantomime) Two or More
SWAT Drama – Fayetteville

7.9 Communication Arts – Interpretive Dance (Classical) Individual
Nikki Ross – Raleigh

7.10 Communication Arts – Interpretive Dance (Classical) Two or More
Capital Dance Team – Raleigh

7.11 Communication Arts – Interpretive Dance (Contemporary) Individual
Kassie Inman – Lumberton

7.12 Communication Arts – Interpretive Dance (Contemporary) Two or More
SWAT Drama – Fayetteville

8.1 Creative Arts – Painting
Holley Roberson – Clinton

8.2 Creative Arts – Graphics
Kristin Tew – Wilmington

8.3 Creative Arts – Three Dimensional Art
Lincoln Locklear – Rocky Mount

8.5 Creative Arts – Fabricated Art
Andrew Roof – Raleigh

9.1 Creative Writing – Non-Fiction
Justin Long – Lumberton

9.3 Creative Writing – Poetry
Taylor Burklew – Williamston

We are proud of all our winners.

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"save others, snatching them out of the fire."
Jude 23 (NASB)

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How precious to me are your
thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them, they would
outnumber the grains of sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.

—Psalm 139:17, 18

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

CROWN FINANCIAL MINISTRIES

BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STUDY For Small Groups

In January, Brother Harrell and I attended a Crown Ministries Day of Training in Houston, Texas, sponsored by Rev. Ed Wood and the IPHC. We were trained to train trainers for the Biblical Financial Study Small Group Program. The day was fantastic.

I have been looking for this kind of thing for some time. So many people cannot properly do the work of the Lord because they are in such financial trouble. This material presents the biblical teaching on finance and personal financial stewardship.

On Thursday, September 16, Brother Harrell and I will be leading a day of training to train trainers from every local church. These will in turn return to the local church and train/lead the small group sessions. Anyone may participate.

The financial challenges people are facing today are staggering. How many are being affected by growing debt, little or no savings, inadequate income, and no plans for their financial future? Surveys reveal that more than half of all divorces are a result of financial tensions in the home. Others are financially sound but do not realize that their attitudes toward money have robbed them of their spiritual vitality (Matthew 6:24). They are not spending their resources in eternally significant ways. Giving a percentage of income has declined almost every year for the last 30 years!

The Bible has the answer to these financial difficulties; it contains more than 2,350 verses dealing with money. The challenge for the church today is to equip people practically to handle money from God's perspective. Imagine a congregation of financially faithful people. What an impact that would have on the church, community, and world.

The material is to be taught in the local church in a small group setting. The material is specifically designed for and to be administered by the local church. Groups meet once a week for two hours. Approximately two hours of preparation are required outside of class each week.

There are 10 lessons. These are:

1. How We Handle Money Impacts Our Relationship With the Lord
2. God's Part / Our Part: Lord Is Owner of All
3. Debt – Debt Is Slavery
4. Counsel – A Wise Person Seeks Advice
5. Honesty – God's Standard Is Absolute
6. Giving – Giving Is Blessed
7. Work – Work Diligently as Unto the Lord
8. Investing – Consistently Save
9. Perspective – What Do We See?
10. Eternity – All Will Give an Account

PLAN

The conference personnel will train the trainers on Thursday, September 16. We will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. The training will last until 4:00 p.m. These trainers (from various local churches) will return to the local churches to train other leaders to lead the small groups.

COST

The cost is $88.00 per person (or couple). The cost is the same for a person or couple, but only one set of materials will be sent. It is expected that each member of a couple will study the material. It is imperative that people preregister and preferably before August 15 . Homework is required before the meeting, which includes reading a 169-page book. A $50.00 deposit is required with the registration form. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

PARTICIPANTS

Anyone may participate, but everyone must preregister. Materials will be mailed to those who preregister: book, study guide, leader's guide, video, etc.

Hopefully, each church will send at least one trainer. No limit! Preachers may attend and if so, may earn 6 CEU credits.

PREFERRED DEADLINE FOR PREREGISTRATION

August 15

HOW TO REGISTER

Call and register with Secretary Rose Nelson. A deposit of $50.00 must be mailed.

QUESTIONS

Call the Conference Office at 910-980-1162 and ask to speak to the Stewardship Officer, Roland Harrell, or Superintendent Thompson.

GOAL

To reach 10% of the IPHC with local training by General Conference 2005.

This is an excellent opportunity for individuals and churches to get their finances in order. Don't miss it!

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Fire Falling in Clinton

Clinton Pentecostal Holiness Church is experiencing a great move of God. During June 6-9 meetings with Australia-born Evangelist Frank Butler, miracles were the order of the day as dozens were saved, over 25 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, two were healed of scoliosis, several were healed of asthma (including a young child), and many were set free of cigarette and other addictions. This outpouring actually began before the meetings with an intense atmosphere of praise, worship, and prayer that the church has been experiencing for quite some time. On May 22, over 20 people joined together to pray from 6 pm Friday evening to 6 am Saturday morning. During that time, two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and several received various healings, including a lifelong asthma condition that has recently been verified by the family doctor. Not satisfied, prayer warriors met again on June 4 from 6 pm until midnight to pray specifically for the special meetings. Again God showed up and answered those prayers. Since the meetings, God has continued to move, with nearly a dozen more filled with the Holy Spirit and others drawing nearer to God. Pastor Ken Milliken is stirring the fire with a new series, "Filled With the Holy Spirit – So What?" New members are quickly entering places of service, and the whole church is awed by His awesome power! Blessed be His Holy Name!

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

The Truth About Same-Sex Marriages

by Erwin W Lutzer. Chicago: Moody Pubishers, 2004. 118 pages.

A drunk is not a drunk because he takes a drink, any more than a man becomes a professional golfer by hitting his first golf ball. Likewise, the days of Lot are not upon us as any other era simply because of one gay person or another state legalizing same-sex marriages. We live in days similar to Lot's because there is not a day that goes by that homosexuality and the gay lifestyle are not beng promoted in one form or another worldwide. What was once unthinkable is now thinkable. In fact, Americans think about this kind of thing all the time. What was once considered an "abnormal" lifestyle is being politicized as a "normal" lifestyle. To say there is a contemporaneous proliferation of Sodom's most hideous sin is an understatement. Americans have become inundated with news about same-sex marriages. Some churches embrace and

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Rev. Kenneth Tart	August 4
Rev. W.H. Tyson	August 4
Rev. Edsel Hooks	August 9
Rev. W.G. Batten	August 10
Rev. Joe Russell	August 13
Rev. J.H. Norton	August 18
Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell	August 19
Rev. T.H. Godwin	August 20
Rev. H.P. Woodard	August 22
Rev. Joe Arthur	August 26
Rev. W.V. Denning	August 26
Rev. W.M. Cordon	September 1
Rev. George Weaver	September 5
Rev. Vernon Clark	September 6
Rev. Johnie Pollard	September 13
Rev. William Wooten	September 14
Rev. Ralph Jernigan	September 15
Rev. Hill Teachey	September 17
Rev. Jimmy Williams	September 17
Rev. Melvin Narron	September 26

encourage the idea. This emotionally charged, doctrinally challenged, and morally confused issue will not go away, and the Church can ill afford to stick its head in the sand, hoping and praying it will not become a big deal. We live in a defining moment in Church history. Will the day come that in America anyone who publicly criticizes homosexuality will be marked a criminal? The stakes are very high indeed.

With an incessant desire to make a difference, Lutzer again charges on the scene ready to stand and defend the faith once delivered to the saints. He defends the traditional biblical view of marriage and at the same time demonstrates why the homosexual agenda wrapping itself with the banner of tolerance has become a national tragedy. His goal in writing the book was to do more than simply condemn the darkness. He sought to shine the light of hope in true Christian love. Loving the sinner and hating the sin is Christlike. God is the consuming fire, not the Christian. He is also a better Savior than we were sinners!

Lutzer addresses a number of critical issues such as (1) the loss of religious freedom, (2) the present redefining of marriage and family, (3) the future of our children, (4) gay Christians, and (5) the sleeping Christian community. He also offers some things believers can do, such as strengthening our own families, celebrating singleness, and repenting of our attitude of judgmentalism and finger-pointing. Lutzer wrote, "Our primary job is not to save America. Our responsibility is to stand for Christ, witnessing to His grace and power." I agree.

The book, though brief, is worthy of your time and money. Let us all pray for America that she might turn back to a most merciful God before it is too late.

Preaching and Teaching From the Old Testament: A Guide for the Chuirch

by Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 2003. 222 pages.

The fact that every minister will give an account to God as to what manner he or she preached the whole counsel of God is quite sobering, especially when you consider that it includes the eternal truths of the whole Bible. Neglecting some doctrines and ignoring some Bible issues are not uncommon these days. Great demands are placed upon preachers to get the job done, filling pews and plates, raising the levels of statistics, proving one's worth. God, who gives the increase, watches over the preacher as he or she prepares the message… and intentionally listens to the words from those lips of clay. Kaiser sets out to restore the "Old Testament to a prominent place in the Christian pulpit," emphasizing that great preaching, that is, preaching that changes lives, includes the texts of the Old Testament.

The author convincingly validates the need to preach and teach from the Old Testament, and then presents ways and means to preach and teach from the Old Testament. As classical Christians, we believe in the progressive revelation of the Bible, but not the progressive inspiration of the Bible. The Bible does not improve as one simply moves from Genesis to Revelation. Genesis is as equally inspired as Revelation. The Old Testament has as much authority as the New Testament. All Scripture is profitable, both Old and New Testament. The Old Testament introduced Jesus the Messiah, evidenced Him in numerous ways from Genesis to Malachi. The Lord Jesus later testified that the Scriptures testified of Him.

The whole counsel of God is not found exclusively in the New Testament. Three fourths of what God has said may be found in the first 39 books of the Bible (Hello!) The faithful minister preaches and teaches from the Old and New Testament, vigorously fighting the temptation to restrict preaching simply from the New. Successful contemporary preaching includes using Old and New texts. Any minister who accuses the Old Testament of being the source of legalism shows that he needs to return to the Old Testament and his knees. Kaiser does a superb job of addressing the various problems and misunderstandings concerning the Law and the Prophets.

Part Two of the publication is very practical as the author deals with the issues of preaching and teachng the Wisdom Books, the Prophets, the Laments, the Torah, Old Testament praise, and the apocalyptic material. Kaiser admits that the problem of bridging the ancient text to contemporary times is a problem some ministers have failed to overcome. Based on the conviction that the Old Testament as God's Word is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, the author proceeds in explaining why expository preaching is the solution for providing effective preaching in today's pulpit. The goal in every sermon should be to preach Christ, but the whole counsel of God for the whole person must be included as well. The whole Bible becomes the source for effective preaching. The minister's primary task is to bridge the ancient text to contemporary times. It is not to make the Old Testament relevant, but rather, to show how it is relevant. No one can make the Bible relevant when it is already relevant. The issue is to help others see the relevancy.

A vast wealth of sermonic material may be found in the Old Testament. It is God's will that His Old Testament be preached and taught to His people. As Kaiser wrote, "What is needed in today's pulpit is solid preaching of the Word of God in all of its extent, assertions, and in all of its power. To do anything less is like using a toy water pistol to put out a fire of secularism and paganism that have engulfed the culture." Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire." (Heb. 2:7)

"Rekindle the Fire" was the theme for the Sixtieth NCWM Convention held in Falcon on Saturday, June 5. Approximately three hundred women gathered in the Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle to be a part of this convention.

We had a wonderful day of worship and fellowship. Mrs. Brenda C. Grasty, Cornerstone Conference Women's Ministries director, was our guest speaker. She did an outstanding job, allowing the Lord to use her to minister to us. Past presidents/directors of the NC Conference Women's Ministries were honored for their service to Women's Ministries. General WM Assistant Director Linda M. Thomas did an unforgettable tribute to those who have gone on to be with the Lord when she did the Memoirs Report. She ended her portion of the program by singing "Precious Memories."

Special congratulations to Bizzell Grove, Greenville First, and Moore's Chapel Women's Ministries for scoring 100 on their annual evaluations for seventeen consecutive years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this Convention so successful: Bud Faircloth, Rose Nelson, Donna Gaddis, Peniel Women's Ministries, Shiloh Women's Ministries in Wilson, Rylan Jones (one of the FOI Scholarship recipients), our dedicated district directors, our faithful prayer partners, and the NCWM board. Thank you for your love offering of $597.15 that was given toward the purchase of a brick for the Brick Memorial Pavers in honor of NC Women's Ministries.

As we continue to lean on the Lord for wisdom and direction to lead the NC Conference Women's Ministries, our prayer is that the flames within each one of you will continue to burn with "zeal and excitement" as you minister to those around you. We are excited about what the Lord is doing, and we appreciate your prayers and support for this ministry. Remember, "Together We Can Make a Difference."

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy," Janice, Margie, Lois, and Terry Ann

2004 FALL DISTRICT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- Clinton District: Tuesday, September 28 @ Gospel Tabernacle
- Fayetteville District: Monday, September 20 @ Mount Carmel
- Goldsboro District: Monday, September 27 @ Mount Olive
- Greenville District: Thursday, September 23 @ Saint Paul
- Lumberton District: Thursday, August 26 @ Boardman
- Morehead City District: Tuesday, September 21 @ Maranatha
- New Bern District: Tuesday, September 7 @ Reelsboro
- Raleigh District: Thursday, September 9 @ Grace Church
- Rocky Mt. District: Thursday, September 2 @ Victory Praise
- Williamston District: Tuesday, August 31 @ Millennium
- Wilmington District: Monday, August 30 @ Gateway
- Wilson District: Tuesday, August 24 @ Lamm's Grove

FEAST OF INGATHERING OFFERINGS will be received at these meetings. Please mark your calendar now to attend the workshops planned for Women's Ministries in your area. We're challenging each local church in each district to give to this offering.

Potpourri...

- When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.
- To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes.
- Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato-based sauces – no more stains.
- To determine whether an egg is fresh, immerse it in a pan of cool, salted water. If it sinks, it is fresh – if it rises to the surface, throw it away.
- Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator – it will keep for weeks.

NCWM Convention 2004

"Rekindle the Fire"

NCWM District Directors

NCWM Past Presidents/Directors

Rylan Jones, FOI Scholarship Recipient

Rekindle the Fire Through Worship

Guest Speaker,
Mrs. Brenda Grasty

NCWM Board, Terry Ann Boyette, Margie Teachey, Patsy Deese, Lois Trueblood and Janice Marshburn

Rekindle the Fire
Through Giving!
Barbara Bishop,
Rocky Mt. District Director

Address Change

Please note the following address change for our conference Girls' Ministries Director, Mrs. Bobbi McNeese: 3000 Pine Ridge Road, Turkey, NC 28393 (910) 533-3010.

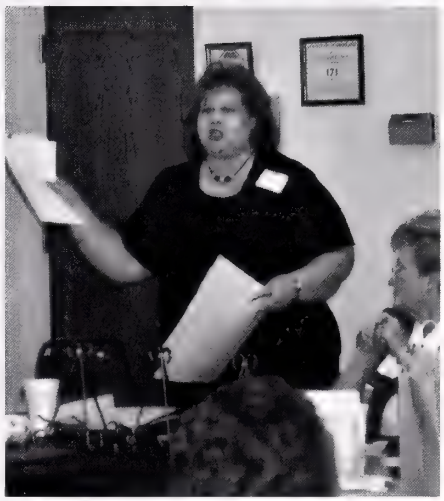
NCWM Directors' Council

Saturday, May 1, 2004, was the setting for the NCWM Directors' Council meeting. Approximately forty local WM directors met with the NCWM board in the Training Center at Falcon to share ideas. We used the WM Day Theme, "This Is Your Life."

NCWM Board Member Terry Ann Boyette had everyone up and moving around with her icebreakers. The ladies then divided up into small groups to discuss sections of the WM Manual. This information was gathered and sent to our General WM Executive Director, Mrs. Jewelle Stewart, in Oklahoma City. NCWM Secretary/Treasurer Margie Teachey shared tips on reporting.

Mrs. Karen Sapp and a few of her ladies of the Tyndall Grove Church prepared a wonderful lunch. The afternoon session began with Table Talk. Each local director was given ample time to share ideas that have worked in their Women's Ministries. Rocky Mount District Director Barbara Bishop gave us a timely devotion on prayer and change.

The meeting ended with a time of prayer and communion. Our next Directors' Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2005.



North Carolina Girls' Ministries Retreat

The town of Falcon increased its population by over 250 on Saturday, May 1, at the Girls' Ministries Retreat. The day started with an awesome praise and worship time led by Emily Matthews and Jonell Warren.

After praise and worship, the Missionettes divided into their groups and went to one of three sessions: devotion, crafts, or recreation. Crystal Grant, Emily Matthews, Jonell Warren, and Sandra Lynch gave the devotions. During the craft time, the Missionettes painted their choice of Bible covers, pocketbooks, or tote bags, while the Rainbow boys painted race cars. The energetic girls and young boys enjoyed recreation time as they jumped on the moon bounce, hopped in sack races, and blew bubbles. This was just a few of their outdoor activities.

After all of these activities, they were ready for their lunch of pizza, drinks, and desserts. Following lunch, the Stedman drama team ministered through various songs. Thanks to all of the volunteers and special helpers, we enjoyed a fun-filled day, and we're already looking forward to next year's retreat.

The NCGM Team

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

Freedom from Condemnation

Why do people suffer? John 9:1-3 – "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." (KJV)

The word "afflict" means to suffer affliction, to be troubled; it has reference to sufferings due to the pressures of circumstances or the antagonism of persons. There are several reasons why people suffer and are ill. There are those who believe individuals become ill or suffer because sin is in their lives. Job is a perfect example. We read that Job was a perfect, upright one who feared God and did no evil. Satan did not like this and set out to destroy him. However, Satan could not do any more to Job than God would allow. In the end God healed, prospered, and gave him more than he had in the beginning.

First, I believe that suffering is a result of the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, which brought sin into the world. Both were created in states of innocence and were given bodies that would have lasted forever. Due to the fall of man he became corruptible, putrid, and tainted. The body became subject to fatigue, weariness, and deterioration.

Second, man is on Satan's territory. "Hereafter, Iwill not talk much with you; for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." (John 14:30, KJV) There are several instances in the Bible where Satan afflicted people with an infirmity. One such story is found in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 13, where a woman was bowed for 18 years. I cannot recall anyone who was sincere and humble to whom Jesus did not minister. The Apostle Paul penned these words: "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing, I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me and he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong."(2 Cor. 12:7-10, KJV)

Third, suffering tests an individual's faith. "Howbeit, in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God led him [Hezekiah], to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart." (2 Cor. 32:31, KJV) There are times God will allow man to get into situations and circumstances that are beyond the help or hope of man. There are times man forgets about the goodness and kindness of God. Man in return comes to a realization that God is the only true source of deliverance, comfort, and restoration.

Fourth, that the works of God may be manifested. Manifest is to make visible, clear, known. The true meaning is "to uncover, lay bare, reveal." This man could and would become a witness to the healing, delivering, restoring power of Christ, yes, but also to the omnipotence of the only true and loving Savior. Jesus would also demonstrate to man that He has a personal interest in each life and that He alone is the sovereign King of kings and Lord of lords. Suffering and illness renew the faith of the individual so that the unbeliever may see and know that there is hope.

If God has not delivered or healed you at this moment, do not be discouraged; be assured that He has a purpose for your affliction, and He will see you through. His word is truth, and the truth shall set you free.

Men, join us in Falcon, September 10-11, for the Men's Advance. This will be a time of praise and worship, ministry, food, and fellowship. Don't miss it!

–Jack Nicholson
–Dallas Gurganus

World Intercession Network

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World Intercession Network of Clinton

On Friday, May 21, 2004, WIN of Clinton P.H. Church in Clinton, N.C., hosted an "All Night Prayer" vigil. The vigil began at 6 p.m. and ended at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning. There were about 24 in attendance. Everyone came and prayed as it was suitable for them. This night was set aside to fast, pray, and get into God's presence. We waited for God's visitation and allowed the Holy Spirit to determine the agenda for the prayer vigil.

The night was divided into four watches. The first watch began at 6 p.m. and ended at 9 p.m. During this watch, prayer requests were submitted, and we focused on man. Repentance seemed to be the theme. We repented for leaving our "first love" and for allowing our busy lives to crowd God out.

Once repentance had taken place, then the Holy Spirit led us into the second watch. It began at 9 p.m. and ended at 12 midnight. Word of knowledge and revelation were the themes during this watch, as Pastor Rodney Hall was led to minister to personal needs of many in attendance. It was during the watch that the power of God was manifested in miraculous ways. Two people testified of receiving healing, two people were baptized in the Holy Spirit, several received words of knowledge, and some received emotional healing. The visitation we longed for had come.

A time of jubilant celebration broke forth as we entered into the third watch at 12 midnight. This watch ended at 3 a.m. as prayers were offered by all in attendance for our nation, region, city, and church body.

During the fourth and final watch of the evening, 3 a.m. to 6 a.m., many became tired and weary. However, our desire to be in the presence of God was stronger than the fatigue of our physical bodies. We were hungry for more of God, and everyone had a sense of expectation. It was during this watch that testimonies came forth and prayers of thanksgiving were offered. Some shared what God had spoken to them during the night. As the sun began to rise, we enjoyed the stillness and quietness of God's presence as we meditated and listened to His voice. A message came forth and was interpreted. God was pleased, and He had heard our prayers.

As the prayer vigil came to an end, a sense of expectation filled the air and was stirring in our spirits. The Holy Spirit's presence and our sense of expectation carried over into the following Sunday morning services. During both morning services, as Pastor Rodney Hall and the praise team sang, the Holy Spirit began to move and draw people to Him. Many responded as Pastor Ken Milliken issued an invitation for all to come and receive from the Holy Spirit. Many have reported supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit, some of which include visions.

WIN of Clinton P.H. Church is excited and expecting God to continue to manifest His presence in miraculous ways, so much so that beginning in July, we hosted the first of many healing services. We will also host several "All Night Prayer" vigils and a Prayer Walk in the city before the end of 2004. To God be the glory for all He has done and will do.

A fellow Ambassador of Christ,
Vanessa Brewington, WIN Captain

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Open Your Eyes and Look at the Fields!

Reaching Toward What Is Ahead

September 1: Hispanic Committee Meeting in Falcon. If you have something that you would like for us to observe, please call or write to Luis Avila.

September 3, 4: Next Hispanic training for pastors and leaders in Falcon. The topics will be:

Develop the leader that is in you. Principles of administration with emphasis on the pastor and the meetings with the board of the local church, and the other topic will be ministerial ethics.

District Meetings for pastors and leaders: September 8 will be in the Hispanic church Oasis de Esperanza in Greenville, and September 15 will be in the Hispanic church Word of God in Benson.

First Marriage retreat for the Hispanic couples of pastors and leaders. It will be October 22, 23. Wait for more information about the place, schedules and costs, etc.

Celebrating What God Is Doing

March 29 was organized the church Oasis of Esperanza in Greenville, where now the pastor is Abraham Rodríguez. Congratulations to Brother Abraham for his new assignment.

May 16 was organized the church of Word of God in Shallotte; blessings and success for Pastor Manuel Bautista.

June 12 was organized the church Lily of the Valleys in Robersonville. Congratulations to Pastor Angel Andrade.

July 2-4 was the first Hispanic Youth Camp, organized by the Christian Education Department through Fernando Angulo. It was a great success; 120 young people assisted. Glory to God for this victory.

Carry Each Other's Burdens

- Pray for our leaders, that God would give them wisdom and strength in the conducting of our conference.
- Remember the pastors and their churches in your prayer services.
- Pray for the projects of planting the church in Falcon, Mount Olive, Goldsboro, Wilmington, Williamston, Nashville, and many other places.
- Pray for the pastors that need a new migratory status in this country.
- Remember the projects and programs that are coming in the next months.

Our Information

Remember, brothers and sisters, that we are already living in Falcon. Our telephone numbers are:

The office (910)890-1162, the house (910)897-4404, and the cellular (252)437-3319. My wife Lilliana and I are willing to serve you, so don't hesitate to call us. We are also available to visit your church and preach and the minister. Call us.

A Great Door for Effecfive Work Has Opened

In Acts 14: 27, we read that after his first missionary trip, the Apostle Paul returned to the church of Antioch, and they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Talking about doors, Paul also mentions in 1 Corinthians 16: 9 that a great door for effective work has opened to him. And in Revelation 3:8, God speaks to the church of Philadelphia, saying, "I have placed before you an open door."

A door means possibility, means, and a way in order to reach something. Talking about the previous verses, a door means opportunities in order to preach and teach the word of God.

I believe that the same as the Apostle Paul; also to us, the leaders and Hispanic pastors, God has opened us a great and effective door through our conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church to reach the Hispanic community in North Carolina for Jesus Christ. This should encourage us in order to be one to defeat the devil, build the Kingdom of God, and fill the whole state with the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We should enter through that door of vision, love, and passion for our people that the Lord has opened through our leaders in the conference.

There are some things that I believe are necessary to consider related to the doors that God has opened through the Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in North Carolina:

a. We have to express our gratitude to the Lord for our leaders, because they have been sensitive to the voice of God in reaching our Hispanic people.
b. We need to strengthen and to make bigger our unit in the vision, goals, and purposes of our conference for our state. God has called us to conquer our earth for Him; let us work in a complete unit of love and submission to one another.
c. Lift in prayer our leaders, ministers, ministries, and churches so that they are mightily used by God in the execution of his plans for North Carolina.
d. We need to understand that we build not for ourselves, but for God. We have been called by Him to the work of His vineyard; we are administrators, servants, and instruments; therefore, we are responsible for giving to Him the glory of each achievement that we reach.
f. Finally, we should prepare ourselves, training ourselves in the best way, taking advantage of all the programs, information, and events that our conference provides for us. There are so many opportunities to grow and be better leaders for the work of the Lord; let us be more effective and fruitful in all those things that God has called us to do.

Alzad Vuestros Ojos Y Mirad Los Campos!

Alcanzando Lo Que Esta Delante

1 de septiembre: Reunión del Comité Hispano en Falcon. Si usted tiene inquietudes o aspectos que desea que observemos, for favor escriba o llame al hermano Luis Avila.

Septiembre 3 y 4: Próximo entrenamiento para pastores y líderes hispanos en Falcon: Los temas serán: Desarrolle el lider que está en usted. Principios de administración con énfasis en el pastor y las reuniones con la junta o comité de la iglesia local y el otro tema será Etica ministerial.

Reuniones distritales de pastores y líderes: El 8 de septiembre será en la iglesia hispana Oasis de Esperanza en Greenville y el 15 de septiembre será en la iglesia Hispana Palabra de Dios en Benson.

Primer retiro matrimonial para las parejas de pastores y líderes hispanos será el 22 y 23 de octubre. Espere noticias del lugar, horarios y costos, etc.

Celebrando Lo Que Dios Esta Haciendo

29 de marzo se organizó la iglesia Oasis de Esperanza en Greenville, donde es ahora el pastor Abraham Rodríguez. Felicitaciones al hermano Abraham por su nueva asignación.

16 de mayo se organizó la iglesia La Palabra de Dios en Shallotte, bendiciones y éxito para el pastor Manuel Bautista.

12 de junio se organizó la iglesia Lirio de los valles en Robersonville. Felicitaciones al pastor Angel Andrade.

2-4 de Julio se llevó a cabo el primer campamento para jóvenes, organizado por el Departamento de Educación Cristiana a través de Fernando Angulo. Fue todo un éxito, 120 jóvenes asistieron. Gloria a Dios por esta victoria.

Llevando Nuestras Cargas Unos Por Otros

- Ore por nuestros lideres para que Dios les de sabiduría y fortaleza en la conducción de la obra del Señor en nuestra Conferencia.
- Recuerde los pastores y sus iglesias en sus servicios de oración.
- Ore por los proyectos de plantar la iglesia en: Falcon, Mount Olive, Goldsboro, Wilmington, Williamston, Nashville y muchos otros lugares.
- Ore por los pastores que necesitan un nuevo status migratorio en este pais.
- Recuerde los proyectos y programas que tenemos por delante.

NUESTRA INFORMACION

Recuerden hermanos que ya estamos viviendo en Falcon. Nuestros números de teléfono son: La oficina (910)890-1162, la casa (910)897-4404 y el celular (252)437-3319. Mi esposa Lilliana y yo estamos dispuestos en servir en cualquier manera que podamos, no dude en llamarnos. También estamos disponibles para visitarle y ministrar en su iglesia cuando sea necesario o nos llame.

Se me ha abierto puerta grande y eficaz

En Hechos 14:27, leemos que despues de su primer viaje misionero, el apostol Pablo, regreso a la iglesia de Antioquia y le refirio las grandes cosas que habia hecho Dios con ellos, y como habia abierto la puerta de la fe a los gentiles.

Hablando de puertas, Pablo tambien menciona en 1 Cor. 16:9 que se le habia abierto puerta grande y eficaz para la predicacion del evangelio. Y en Apocalipsis 3:8, Dios le habla a la iglesia de Filadelfia diciendo: "... he aqui he puesto delante de ti una puerta abierta..."

Una puerta en sentido figurado es un medio, posibilidad, y un camino para alcanzar algo. Hablando de los versiculos anteriores, una puerta significa las oportunidades para predicar y ensenar la palabra de Dios.

Creo que al igual que el apostol Pablo, tambien a nosotros los lideres y pastores hispanos, Dios nos ha abierto una puerta grande y eficaz por medio de nuestra Conferencia de la Iglesia Santidad Pentecostal, para alcanzar la comunidad hispana en Carolina del Norte para Cristo Jesus.

Esto debe animarnos para unirnos como un solo hombre y derrotar al diablo, edificar el reino de Dios y llenar del conocimiento de nuestro Senor Jesucristo todo el estado. Entremos por esa puerta de vision, amor y pasion por nuestra gente que el Senor ha abierto a traves de nuestros lideres en la Conferencia.

Hay algunas cosas que creo necesario considerar acerca de las puertas que Dios nos ha abierto a traves de la Conferencia de la iglesia Santidad Pentecostal del Carolina del Norte:

a. Expresemos nuestra gratitud al Senor por nuestros lideres que han sido sensibles a la voz de Dios en el alcanzar nuestra gente hispana.
b. Fortalezcamos y alimentamos la unidad en la vision, metas y propositos de nuestra conferencia para nuestro estado. Dios nos ha llamado a conquistar nuestra tierra para El, trabajemos en una completa unidad de amor y sumision los unos para otros.
c. Levantemos en oracion a nuestros lideres, ministerios e iglesias para que sean poderosamente usados por Dios en el cumplimiento de sus planes en nuestra estado.
e. Entendamos que edificamos, no para nosotros mismos, sino para Dios. Hemos sido llamados por El al trabajo de su vina, somos administradores, siervos e instrumentos, por lo tanto somos responsables de entregar a El toda la gloria de cada logro que alcancemos.
f. Finalmente, debemos prepararnos lo mejor que podamos, tomando ventaja de todos los programas, informacion y eventos que provee nuestra conferencia, a fin de que seamos aun mucho mas efectivos y fructiferos en aquello que Dios nos ha llamado a hacer.

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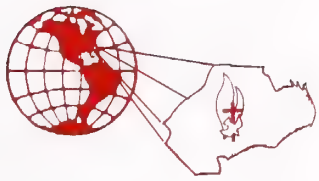

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism:

1 Corinthians 16:9 – "For there is a wide open door for a great work here, and many people are responding. But there are many who oppose me" – (*New Living Translation*). Paul is closing out the first letter to the Corinthian church by assuring them that he will come to them at Corinth to correct problems in the church; however, he is at Ephesus, and for the time being, there are opportunity and harvest taking place, and he must remain there for a period of time while the "door" of opportunity is open. This is precisely what I feel for America today. While watching the celebrations, parades, picnics, fireworks, speeches, etc. taking place on this July 4th (228 years), I am amazed at the blessings that you and I are experiencing by virtue of being born in the greatest nation on earth. In God's sovereignty, I could have easily been born in Red China or in some unreached nation without the privilege of having heard the gospel, yet at the age of twelve, I responded to the gospel and was soon called to preach, and the rest is history.

However, along with all this privilege and blessing, there is opportunity attached for which I am eternally responsible. God has set before me an "open door" of opportunity and privilege to spread the gospel. God has also set before the North Carolina Conference the "open door" of opportunity and responsibility to spread the gospel by witnessing, preaching, and evangelizing. It has been said that "**freedom is not the ability to do as you want, but the power to do as you ought**." My continuing prayer and desire are that God will impress and convict our hearts with Acts 1:8, which is a clear, concise, and to-the-point mandate to spread the Gospel and plant churches wherever we go. "But ye shall receive power; after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." I believe God has set before us an open door of opportunity to saturate Eastern North Carolina and in turn the whole world with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. The time is now, and the harvest is ripe. God, give us vision, "the clear mental picture of what could be, fueled by the conviction that it should be." I am praying that we, the pastors, churches, and laity of this conference will hear the whisper of the Holy Spirit as He conveys to us this message: "that planting churches is the most effective way under the sun to win souls" (C. Peter Wagner).

I am praying that the Holy Spirit will start and continue this process in our hearts; that He will focus our hearts with an expanded vision for planting and mothering churches. that this focus on planting and mothering churches; will generate a burden that will not release us until it has been or is being fulfilled; that the burden will instigate fervent prayer and fasting throughout this conference in pastors and churches, and this in turn will deposit church planting and mothering churches into our spiritual DNA; that furthermore, our burden and desire for church planting and mothering churches fueled by vision will cause us to forge ahead purposefully with intentional plans and strategies to fulfill the vision to plant/mother churches. We think in terms of New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and other major cities being conquered for Christ, and this is true; however, I firmly believe that there are towns, cities, and counties within the boundaries of the North Carolina Conference that are yet to be conquered for Christ.

I am praying that the Holy Spirit will seize *your* heart with conviction to plant or mother a church within the coming months or year. The time is now, the door is open, the opportunities are staggering, and the privilege to "**change eternal destinies**" is in our hands.

**Pastors, please remember the "Churches Mothering Churches" workshop on Saturday, October 30, at the Whitley P.H. Church with Dr. Owen Weston. Time: 8:30 am until 1:00 pm; registration fee per church is $50.00.

Missions:

As of the writing of this article, we have received our conference Missions Giving report for May. I am excited to relay to you, "faithful givers," that we are over 12 percent ahead of this same time period in 2003 in our total Missions giving. To God be the glory, and a big "thank you" to congregations, local missions directors, and pastors for your concern and faithfulness. This year could very well again be our greatest year ever in Missions giving. When you read this article, we will have had our Global Outreach Celebration service on August 8. Our goal is $290,000, and I am believing God and counting on you to have gone beyond for His glory.

I am also pleased to announce that as of July, we have three missionary families furloughing or itinerating in this conference. Pastors, I urge you to use these missionaries in your church. They will be a blessing to your people and will provide the opportunity for you and your congregation to become an integral part of their ministry: Althea Meyer, Darryl and Bonnie Clowers, and introducing our newest missionary family, Jim and Angie Pope, who are preparing to go to Kenya.

Also, in November we are looking forward to having two more missionary families: Roy and Phylis Roy, and Stefan and Andrea Hall are with us in the conference on furlough. God is blessing us with tremendous opportunities to expand the Kingdom both here on the home front and globally. Remember, all we do is simply

Investing in eternity!

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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How to Kill a Ranger Outpost

Why in the world would you want to know how to do that? Well, hopefully, you do not; however, by looking at some surefire ways, perhaps you can avoid some pitfalls that are sure to do the trick.

- **We have the same recreation activity every week...** Games are fun, and so they should be. However, not everyone likes the same games, and there will always be at least one or two boys who don't really care for the one you are playing tonight. They'll be the first to be wishing they were elsewhere if the same game is played meeting after meeting. Variety is the spice of life in your choice of games, as in everything else.
- **All of our camping trips are the same, no matter where we go...** Many outposts fall into the mode of monthly campouts that can be called "dump-outs." These take place at an established campground where you drive to a parking place next to the site and set up a weekend camp. The activity program takes place in and around the campsite. The solution here is to do something different just about every month. Suggestions include:
  - A backpacking weekend where the younger boys have a fairly easy loop trip (leaving from and returning to the same location), while the older boys are off on a more challenging route that brings them back to the same pick-up site as the younger guys. (Seeing their older friends coming in off the trail makes a *big* impression on the younger folks, motivating them to remain with the outpost long enough to be able to be part of the "big guy" crew.)
  - Consider an occasional weekend camping trip that has no plan, where boys can do their own thing, cook individually whenever they happen to be hungry, and just lie back and enjoy life. It can be a bit stressful on the adults who feel a need for a plan for everything, but the boys may really enjoy doing this once in a while.
  - A base camp skills weekend. The focus can be on any number of activities. Perhaps you have a canoe-training weekend where the younger boys work on flat water while the more experienced boys work on the bumpier stuff. Maybe it's a survival training weekend where the younger boys are receiving their basic skills and the older boys are getting more into the deep wilderness side of long-term survival technique.
- **We always meet in the same place, and it's really boring!** You **don't** have to meet in the same place week after week. You can have weeks where part of the outpost goes for ice cream while the rest learn fire-suppression skills at the local fire training school your city's firefighters use.
- **We're supposed to run the patrol, but the adults never let us!** Okay, folks... bottom line, the boys are supposed to manage the patrol. We really need to let them do it. Of course you need to train your boys to provide that kind of leadership. Letting go of much of what you may perceive as your leadership responsibility is hard to do, especially if your outpost has been adult-led for a long time. But your outpost's best growth and strength will come when you have a youth-led program – and these young people can really surprise you with how well they can plan and run things once they are properly trained.
  - Leadership training begins with teaching a concept called "followership." Neither you nor the youth leaders can be leaders unless you have followers, and every effective leader knows how to be a good follower.
  - Leadership by example is the best type in the majority of situations. Good leadership is always from "out front," never through pushing from behind.
  - The most effective formal leadership training programs are the JTC, AJTC camps, yet due to a lack of registration, these have been canceled for the past two years. Promote these camps in your outpost so the boys cannot wait to attend the next one.
- **We never get recognized for anything!** Recognition needs to be immediate and appropriate. As soon as a boy earns a merit, present it to him. Have a ceremony later, and do not miss a chance to honor your young men in front of the church body.

If these comments can be made by the boys in your outpost, you may have a stranglehold on the outpost already. Make adjustments before it gasps its last, and all you have to say is, "I don't know why the boys do not come anymore."

This article is adapted from www.gaelwolf.com/gaelwolf/damage.html "How to Kill a Scout Troop"

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Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

–Ephesians 5:1, 2

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

PASTORAL CHANGE WITHIN THE N.C. CONFERENCE

AUGUST 2004

I ran an article several months ago about pastoral change within the N.C. Conference. It was well received. However, there is still much confusion about the process. Here is that article again, with some critical updates. Please review it carefully.

In addition, let me address pastoral voting within the conference. Some confusion has arisen in some places (small in number).

The Manual states, "Voting for pastor may be every four years, and pastoral appointments shall be for the quadrennium." (Section IV, D.3.b., page 62). This is interpreted to mean the church board decides whether or not to call for a vote on a pastor at the time designated by the conference superintendent and conference board immediately prior to the Quadrennial Conference (next 2006). This statement does not apply to any anniversary dates of the pastor.

Voting may occur at other times during the year. This may happen in one of three ways:

1. The pastor may request a vote to the conference superintendent. The superintendent (and conference board) after discussion with the pastor and church board may then call for a vote.
2. The superintendent working through the conference board has the right to call a church election.
3. "When two-thirds of the local church board members feel an expression should be made from the local church relative to the pastor's continuance, they shall, in a meeting of the church board chaired by the pastor, call for a meeting with the conference superintendent, who will determine if an expression is needed." (Section IV, D.3.h.(2)(b), p. 63).

When a vote is taken at a local church for pastor, the superintendent either takes the vote or sends someone. This is not true for the quadrennial vote. The local church board conducts that vote.

In most cases, when a vote is taken on a pastor, everyone loses. The church becomes divided. All possible means should be exercised to stay away from a vote.

Pastoral Change Within the N.C. Conference
August 2004

The last decade has brought many changes in the placement of pastors in churches. Many preachers and church leaders have not fully understood this new day. The result is confusion, frustration, and in some exceptional cases the wrong pastor going to a church.

Here are some basic facts to consider: Since becoming superintendent in January 2001, I have made 113 appointments. The average time a church went without a pastor was eleven weeks (the day the former pastor left to the day a new pastor arrived). Several churches have changed pastors more than one time. When a pastor left a church suddenly (by vote or resignation), he was out of a church for an average of six months-plus. Some have gone well over a year before they accepted another pastorate.

There are three avenues or tracts for getting another pastor. This decision is made in a joint meeting with the superintendent and church board.

Tract I means the superintendent, conference board, and church board appoint a pastor. This is after interviews, trial sermons, etc.

Tract II means the superintendent, conference board, and church board agree on possible candidates. Interviews and trial sermons occur. Finally, one name is offered to the church for a vote. The church may offer several pastors to the church as official candidates. Usually no more than three are official candidates at any one time. When three have been offered, it is expected that the church board will make some decisions. However, when the church board feels a candidate is the one, they may offer that name for a vote, regardless of the number of candidates offered.

Tract III is the same as Tract II with the exception that the church board and superintendent appoint an official pulpit committee to interview and offer candidates to the church.

In working with candidates, only the superintendent "calls." The superintendent and church board work together in total confidentiality. The church is not involved, except by intercession, until trial sermons are heard. In order to protect the integrity of the system and to protect the candidates involved, there must be total confidentiality. When a candidate is announced to the church, members are free to talk to the board. Members are highly encouraged to talk to the board at that time.

If ultimately a vote occurs, the Manual is specific as to the procedures to be followed. Should a candidate get 67 percent, he may accept the church, as he desires. If the vote is between 50 and 67 percent, the conference board makes the final decision, assuming the candidate desires to go. If the vote is less than 50 percent, the process continues to the next candidate.

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When a vote occurs, an executive from the conference office or a conference board member goes to take the vote. By state code everyone who is a member is allowed to vote. The Manual allows only those who are sixteen to vote. A member then qualifies his vote "to count" by marking on the ballot his faithful attendance and faithful tithing for the last six months. These statements must be marked, or the ballot is not counted. New members who join would be faithful from the time of their joining to the vote. Absentee ballots are allowed. The vote is announced in ample time before the vote (normally a week's notice).

Many ask why it takes so long to get a pastor in this new system. There are several reasons. Many churches do not want to move quickly. They desire to go for some time without a pastor. (This is not good for the church). It takes time to get board members and preachers together. Schedules are unbelievable. Then after an interview, a current pastor must work into a time to preach a trial sermon. This could take two or more weeks. Then once a decision is made to vote, the church must be given sufficient notice.

Most churches do choose the Tract II approach. Quite honestly, Tract I works better for the smaller church. It certainly is faster. Most church members prefer Tract II. In fact, most church members not only wish to vote, but wish the board to discuss openly with them all they are considering as candidates. This cannot be allowed. Lives are involved. Ministries are at stake. Souls are hanging in the balance.

What is the biggest problem in this system? The answer is voting and what happens before a vote. Many times preachers and members cannot leave it to prayer and meditation. Phone calls and "meetings" are held. When this happens, it becomes more difficult to find God's will. When people pray and seek the Lord, God's will is done.

Does God use this system? Yes. Is this a perfect system? Certainly not! No system of man is. Is there a more godly system? Who knows? This we do know: this is the system we have. It can work! It has worked well in many situations. The real key is in following the procedures and earnestly praying and seeking the Lord. I really believe the Lord can and will use any biblically based system when men seek Him!

–Supt. D. Chris Thompson

N E W S

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Editor:

Recently, I attended Youth & Talent Quest in Daytona Beach, Florida. I decided to bring my brother-in-law, Mr. Justin M. Fye, along with me. We had an awesome time while there. It wasn't until our trip back that we both would see God perform miracles right in front of our eyes.

Somewhere in the middle of South Carolina, Justin's Chrysler Sebring began to whistle. I asked him, "Do you hear that whistling sound?"

He replied, "Yeah," but thought it was the convertible top letting air in while we sped down the Interstate. About five minutes later, he looked in his rearview mirror and saw blue smoke coming from below his car. So right there on I-95 north, we pulled over and listened to our only way back home to Dunn, North Carolina, die.

At first, we did what all good amateur mechanics would do. We popped the hood and acted as if we could fix the problem and then be on our way. But not this time. His car was dead. So I gave him my cell phone, and he called the Highway Patrol. Now about this time, patience was beginning to wear thin. It was hot and humid that Friday afternoon. He tried to tell the Highway Patrol dispatcher where we were, to no avail. She told us we would have to flag someone down and call her back. I had already begun to pray when, at that moment, a South Carolina State Trooper pulled up and asked if we needed assistance. He was a welcome sight for this sweat-drenched associate pastor. He called a tow truck for us.

Well, all during this time, I was trying to call and reach anyone I could who was on his way back, to see if we could catch a ride with someone. But everyone I tried to call was way ahead of us.

Finally, friendly, wonderful, funny, and warm "WhittleDoo" the clown pulled up alongside us. Evangelist Terry Whittenton, along with his daughters, Anna and Sarah, and Brook Duchene, who is NCCE Director Charles Boyd's secretary, had seen us standing on the side of the road and came back to help. Anna had told her dad, "That is Pastor Steve on the side of the road." So they came back and stopped to help.

Now, Brother Terry started making calls right then and there to see if he could find us a way back to Dunn. He knew the pastor in the town up from us, Manning, South Carolina. And the pastor he spoke to was Rev. Morris Smith. He pastors the Little Star Pentecostal Holiness Church there in Manning. When Brother Terry got off the phone, he told us that Pastor Smith was coming to meet us there at the dealership to bring us his personal car.

Both Justin and I could not believe what was happening. In this day and age, I haven't seen Christian love and trust like this in a long time. I tried to tell Terry he could go ahead, but he refused to leave us there until he knew we had a way back home.

When Pastor Smith pulled up in his car and handed over his keys to me, I knew then and there, I was witnessing what being a servant pastor was all about. You see, I am sure if that had been me and the tables were turned, I wouldn't have given my car to two strangers I didn't even know. Pastor Smith had given, without any stipulations whatsoever, all he had to make sure we made it home that day. And the most humbling thing of all was that he gave us his best car at that. After we all hugged necks, and Pastor Smith left with his adorable wife, who had come to get him in her car, Justin and I were back on the road again.

We both sat there and discussed the miracles we had just been part of that day. You see, I am a young pastor. And what I saw that day taught me something about not being selfish and about going the extra mile. Both Brother Terry Whittenton and Pastor Morris Smith taught us that day to give all you have and trust in the Lord. I am thankful to have friends like these gentlemen. So the next time you break down on the road, call on Jesus first before you call AAA. He knows just who to send to get you home safely.

Love in Christ,
Steve Dixon, pastor
Benson PH Church

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap... and Others Don't

by Jim Collins. New York: Harper Collins Publishers. 300 pages.

Profits and people, companies and churches are not the same. But can we learn what may help churches grow from research about successful companies? Arguments exist on both sides, and it is not so easy to know who is right. To be perfectly honest, I was very skeptical of this publication at first, taking the position that secular business is a completely different animal from, say, the church. Apples and oranges come from trees, but tantamount they are not. Kingdom principles rise above Madison Avenue techniques. The fact that Lee Iacocca served as a great CEO, revitalizing a struggling corporation, does not mean he would naturally make a great church leader.

Collins and his dedicated research team analyzed a number of corporations to determine the differences that made some good and others great. What they discovered includes a rich reservoir of helpful information that could be utilized in any situation, including the local church. The findings struck a chord in my own conceptual pool of understanding, and as a result, I am able to recommend this book to all pastors and church leaders, as one resource to cause them to consider the possibilities.

Some of the key concepts of the book are these:

1. Good is the enemy of great. Since "good is the enemy of great" is a human problem, it's not difficult to extrapolate from what has been learned to the local church. The reason some good churches will never make great churches is that they are so good at what they do. Their success at being good at what they do prevents them from becoming great.
2. "Level 5 leaders" channel their ego needs away from themselves and into the larger goal of building a great company. It's not that Level 5 leaders have no ego. They are incredibly ambitious, but their ambition is first and foremost for the institution, not themselves. The implication suggests that a leader in the church never stops trying to become qualified for the job. The great leader is the person who is able to blend personal humility with intense professional will.
3. The adage "People are your most important asset" turns out to be wrong. People are not your most important asset. The *right* people are. Collins places special emphasis here because it is one of the key factors in going from good to great. It is first Who ... then What.
4. Confront the brutal facts (yet never lose faith). You must maintain unwavering faith that you can and will prevail, while at the same time have the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be. Sometimes a leader who possesses a lot of charisma hinders those who would help him or her face the brutal facts of reality.

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5. A culture of discipline requires people who adhere to a consistent system, yet, on the other hand, it gives people freedom and responsibility within the framework of that system. Sometimes the best ideas do not come from the pastor but from the people. "Savior CEOs who personally discipline through sheer force of personality usually fail to produce sustained results."
6. Let the results do most of the talking instead of trying to sell the future to compensate for lack of results. This is not easily accomplished but essential by making a series of good decisions consistent with disciplined action, following from disciplined people who exercise disciplined thought.

You have to read the book to understand more clearly some of these concepts. There is so much more, but space limits my further elucidation of the contents. This much I can say: that every church I have ever pastored I always wanted to take from being a good church to being a great church because great churches reach souls and make a difference in the lives of so many. Mediocrity stifles and makes a poor friend. As church leaders, we must strive to preserve our core values and purpose while at the same time be willing to change in our cultural and operating practices and the specific goals and strategies to reach those goals.

Dear reader, you may ask, "Why?" My answer is, "Why not?" Take a moment and consider the masses. Think of the population explosion, and how many people there are who need Jesus Christ. Going from good to great is not about making a name for yourself. It is about the destiny of boys and girls, men and women. A good church will reach some, but a great church will reach even more. It's that difference that could make all the difference in the world to one person or maybe one family. In light of eternity, it's worth it! The book is not about doing more than you are already doing. It is about living simpler lives with our results vastly improved. Anyone interested?

Prayer-Walking: Praying On Site With Insight

by Steve Hawthorne and Graham Kendrick. Lake Mary, Florida: Charisma House, a Strang Company. 200 pages.

A basic concept of Pauline missiology – to reach the cities, where the masses live – results in the spread of the gospel into surrounding communities. Abraham, Jesus, Paul and others prayed for cities. Prayerwalking is not prayer as usual. It goes beyond blessing "us four and no more." It is walking while praying, not simply walking in a sanctuary, but in the streets of cities, on site, where the one who prays trusts the area will be evangelized and spiritually awakened. Prayerwalking thaws the ice in neighborhoods, overcomes fear of failing to do something, contends with evil, and stimulates believers to stretch themselves in prayer. It is following the example of Christ and the Apostles to reach cities and communities for Christ.

The publication serves as a motivation for prayer. Are you satisfied with the way you pray? Do you feel you could do much more than you are presently doing? The book is full of examples and testimonies of prayerwalkers who have seen the mighty hand of God work in the lives of people. Prayerwalking promotes church planting and opens doors of ministry opportunities never realized before. It offers city-sized prayers. It envisions an ingathering of souls in the harvest. Whether it is a neighborhood walk, a preparation walk, or a saturation walk, prayerwalking produces results. Prayer honors God, and God honors prayer. Would it make a difference in your town or city to walk every street, cover every nook and cranny, cul-de-sac, and sidewalk in sincere, spiritual prayer? How does "Operation Saturation" sound?

I recommend this book for reading to encourage and promote prayer wherever you may live and work for the glory of God. Happy Reading!

Son House Ministries

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Son House Ministries was established by Mickey and Vicky Baysden with the vision of providing ministry, education, and relative projects in bringing individuals and families into a dynamic, living, and growing relationship with Jesus Christ and one another. Worship and discipleship are God's avenues in this challenging and fulfilling adventure. True worship and discipleship are established as we embrace Jesus Christ in spirit and in truth, leading us to a place of intimate fellowship with Him and transformation in Him. Son House Ministries boldly and passionately launches out to provide biblical, innovative, and relative ministry to this purpose.

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible."
(1 Corinthians 9:19)

Dear Women of God,

I have often, in the last two years, wondered why we do what we do. Why do we care about young girls and women in our church and community? Why do we want them to know of God's love and then send them out to share that love with others? Why are we involved in our world actively, assertively, and often sacrificially? Why? Because God loves this world and compels us to be His ambassadors. We are to be His hands extended to a lost and dying world. Even when the questions come, it is very important that we keep our focus.

Girls' Ministries Week is scheduled for September 12-18, 2004. The new theme for the 2004-2005 school year is "Missionettes Possible: No Girl Left Behind." The theme will easily highlight the "Making Disciples" theme of the IPHC. Discipleship and Missionettes are synonymous. The take-off on the *Mission Impossible* theme will allow a fun approach to a serious assignment.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to join forces to make the "No Girl Left Behind" goal a reality and "to win as many as possible..." (1 Cor. 9:19). I hope that you will get involved with Girls' Ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach young girls in our churches and communities. If you need more information, please contact our conference Girls' Ministries Director, Mrs. Bobbie McNeese, by calling 910-533-3010.

May the Lord continue to bless each of you as we work together to build His kingdom.

In His Love
"Mrs. Patsy"

Intercession Idea: "PILL" List: Praying Intensely for Lost Loved Ones

Through the leading of the Holy Spirit, the ladies of the Monday night circle of the Wilmington First Women's Ministries now spend quality time in prayer both privately and corporately for their lost loved ones to come into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

At one of their recent meetings, after a devotion on Bible Principles for Ministry, coleaders Pansy Rumley and Elaine Daniels presented a vision that Elaine had been given regarding praying for lost relatives and friends. As the vision was shared, many of those present gave witness to the confirmation that the Holy Spirit was leading them in the same direction. One of the women shared that she had also had a vision where she saw people sitting in a circle just as they were in that meeting, and they were praying for the lost. They made a list of those who needed salvation. This resulted in the name "PILL" list, or Praying Intensely for Lost Loved Ones. God orchestrated the plan, and through their obedience, results are being experienced.

September Potpourri...

- To prevent eggshells from cracking, add a pinch of salt to the water before hardboiling.
- Run your hands under cold water before pressing Rice Krispies treats in the pan – the marshmallow won't stick to your fingers.
- Place a slice of apple in hardened brown sugar to soften it.
- When you get a splinter, reach for the Scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the tape over the splinter and then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.

Happy Hearts Update

Mrs. Phyllis Harrell spoke at the Happy Hearts meeting in Smithfield on Monday, April 26. We would like to share just a few of her thoughts:

"We are Happy Hearts. Perhaps when people of like mind and spirit are together, they are happy. Perhaps because when people are positive and caring, they are happy. Perhaps because when people are sharing faith in Christ, they are happy. For these and many more reasons, we are Happy Hearts.

"The Bible prescribes a happy heart as a cure for many of life's ills. Proverbs 15:13 says, 'A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.' Proverbs 17:22 says, 'A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.' James 5:13 says that inner joy is accompanied with an outward expression of joy. He says, 'Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.' The bottom line is that a happy heart makes for a lifestyle that brings inner satisfaction and peace as well as outer joy and pleasure, and it is the plan of Jesus to give believers happy hearts.

"We tend to lean on the natural for satisfaction, on those things that please our five senses: our sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. The truth is, we could survive without those things, but we cannot survive with real quality in our lives unless we have a good attitude of heart. Just as a healthy heart is vital for our physical survival, so a spiritually healthy heart is vital for our spiritual well-being."

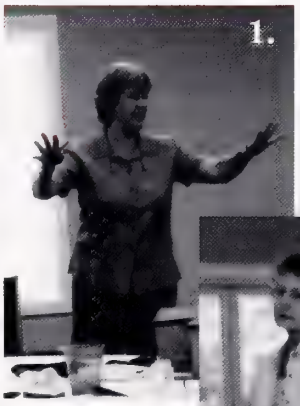
(Due to space, we can't print the entire article, but we would like to thank Phyllis for taking part in this Happy Hearts meeting. Great job!)

Mrs. Phyllis Harrell

Each of you is invited to the Happy Hearts meetings in your area, either Monday, October 4, at Piggly-Wiggly Restaurant in Clinton; October 11, at Golden Coral Restaurant in Greenville; or October 18 at Holts Lake Restaurant in Smithfield. Remember, the slogan is "Fun, Food and Fellowship." For further information, please feel free to contact Mrs. Blanche S. Pollard, 919-658-6714.

District Directors' Training

The new Ministry Training Center at Maranatha P.H. Church was the setting for this year's District Directors' Training. Each year, the NCWM Board gets the district directors together to share information and ideas to help them better serve the churches in their districts. Fun, food and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended. We appreciate these women and their willingness to serve in this area of ministry.



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1. "Mrs. Patsy" leading a session
2. Wilson District Director Mrs. Teresa Woodard with NCWM board
3. New Bern District Director Rose Alligood, Goldsboro District Director JoAnn Blackmon, Wilmington District Director Margaret Berry
4. Mrs. Janice Marshburn leading a session
5. Mrs. Margie Teachey leading a session

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Discipleship Through Brotherly Love

The focus across the world on discipleship is amazing. The question being raised from church to church is, How can we make disciples of Christ? Why are our minds so boggled when Christ shows us, by way of example, His own life? Why is the question so big when it is so plain in God's Word?

Let's open familiar scriptures and see how Christ made disciples through brotherly love. I hope that, through God's Word, the heart of every male will be touched and changed for the glory of God.

Discipleship through brotherly love means we must first know who our brother is. The word *brother* stands for both males and females in the Body of Christ. *Brother* simply means "our keeper." Romans 6:11-13 best describes brothers in the Body of Christ. Accordingly, we should put away sin in our lives. We need to make sure we are not lending our bodies as instruments of unrighteousness. This suggests that as born-again believers, we must make our minds up that we are going to live for Christ.

The whole body must glorify the Lord, meaning that we cannot gossip, we cannot speak evil of any man, and we cannot use our hands for unrighteousness. We cannot allow our eyes to look at things that will tempt us; we cannot taste things that will cause us not to be sober-minded; we cannot allow our feet to take us to places where ungodly activities will take place. Discipleship starts in the Body of Christ. Making disciples through brotherly love starts by not participating in the above things or "such like" things. *Brother*, translated "our keeper," simply means I will protect my brother. Protection is often thought of with carnal weapons, but we must protect our brother by not sinning.

Discipleship through brotherly love when we have sin in our lives will cause the new convert and unbeliever not to want to be followers of Christ. But when we crucify the flesh, the ones being discipled can come around us and be safe, and can receive nourishment and see the love of Christ. Brotherly love says, "You can trust me; I am not going to steal from you; I am not going to take advantage of you, because I have crucified my flesh."

In Matthew 5, we find Jesus teaching the disciples that through brotherly love, they must serve. Jesus teaches that brotherly love will cause one to mourn and be touched by whatever is hurting another. Discipleship goes beyond bringing someone to church, but means being ready to go out and be a peacemaker, reconciling him or her to Christ. Discipleship means you are always on call, laying down your life for Christ and sacrificing for the sake of others. Every day belongs to the Lord. Discipleship through brotherly love will not allow us to do as they did in Luke 14. We must love Christ first, and then love for our brother will flow out of it.

The Bible says leave the ninety and nine and go after the one. The one is that one who is lost, the one who feels as if he or she is not worthy to do what God has called him or her to do. The book of James tells us that if we disciple one, we will save him from death. Discipleship through brotherly love will not allow us to talk about him, or criticize him, or dislike him, but to stay right there and love him.

Remember, at one time we were the ones, but someone stayed there for us, leading us to God's grace and mercy. Use your body as an instrument of righteousness that one might be saved.

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Highlights of Intercession and Prayer Times

105th Falcon Camp Meeting 2004
"Bridging the Gap"

Falcon Camp Meeting 2004 was a great time of praise, prayer, teaching, and preaching. The North Carolina WIN Prayer times were held each morning at the Octagon Tabernacle, and evening intercessions were held before each service. What a glorious time we experienced in the presence of God and with our fellow believers who participated in these prayer times. I extend a blessing and heartfelt gratitude to those who participated in prayer. It was such a blessing to have the opportunity to pray and intercede with the missionaries, pastors, WIN captains, and the different members of the Body of Christ in the N.C. Conference.

Monday, August 2, 8:30am, Octagon Tabernacle
Prayer Focus: A time of praising and acknowledging God for who He is.

"Our soul is thirsty for God!"

Prayer and declaration: We sought His face and not His hand, His presence and His heart and His guidance on how to pray. We declared and prayed, "O God, thou art my God" (Psalm 63:1-11).

"My soul longs for you [God] in a dry and weary land."

Monday August 2, 6:30pm Prayer Room Training Center
Prayer Focus: A time of acknowledging God, His leading, and acknowledging Him as our personal God:

"My God!"

Prayer and declaration: His loving kindness, His goodness, His glory, the breaking through of His light. We exalted His name. We cried out, and He said, "Here I am." We declared our children as God's work. "I will mention the lovingkindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord according to all that the Lord has bestowed on us" (Isaiah 63:7). Isaiah 58:8,9,11; 27:3,5,6; 29:23.

"The Lord's favor shown."

Tuesday, August 3, 8:30am, Octagon Tabernacle
Prayer Focus: Pastors, ministers, and leaders. For pastors who are discouraged or have fallen away and for their families. We were also led to pray for God to give wisdom and knowledge to our leadership for the construction of the new building in Falcon. We also prayed for any administrative decisions.
Prayer and declaration: "God does not repent after He has called you." God "gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18). "For the gifts and the calling of God are without repentance" (Romans 11:29). "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you" (Colossians 1:3,10). "Comfort and hope from God" (Haggai 2:6-9, 21-23). "O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory" (Psalm l08:1); 108:2-13 – "Steadfast"

"The calling of God."

Tuesday, August 3, 6:30pm, Prayer Room Training Center
Prayer Focus: That N.C. IPHC would be completely focused on God's will, purpose, and destiny. That our children's hearts would be turned toward God, and their lives would be changed. Complete restoration for our fallen leaders and their families. We celebrated the people of many nations.
Prayer and declaration: No mediocrity but a tenacious spirit. Psalms 18:1-3, 30-40. "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God" (Psalms 20:5-7). "God will abundantly pardon. His ways are higher than our ways" (Isaiah 55:7-9). "Behold thou shall call a nation" (Isaiah 55:5).

"The Lord's calling."

Wednesday, August 4, 8:30am, Octagon Tabernacle
Prayer Focus: A call for more intercessors, gatekeepers, and those who will bridge the gap. The rebuilding of our personal and corporate altars.

Prayer and declaration: "If my people ..." (2 Chronicles 7:14). "Humble yourself" (James 4:10). Also Deuteronomy 28:8-13 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17,18.

"And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me" (Ezekiel 22:30).

Wednesday, August 4, 6:30pm, Prayer Room Training Center
Prayer Focus: Praying for a breakthrough. The spirit maketh intercession. Praying for all the saints. A time for intercession, groaning, and praying in tongues.
Prayer and declaration: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26). Also Romans 8:27 and Ephesians 6:18-20.

"The Spirit maketh intercession."

Thursday, August 5, 8:30am, Octagon Tabernacle
Prayer Focus: Rejoicing in the presence of God, His goodness, and His Word. Prayer and declaration: "Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice" (Psalm 5:11). "I will be glad and rejoice in Thee" (Psalm 9:2). Also Psalms 9:14; 32:11; 118:24. "More" prophetic word given.

"O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (Psalm 90:14).

Thursday, August 5, 6:30pm, Prayer Room Training Center
Prayer Focus: Youth. The calling forth of the next generation to ministry. That spiritual gifts and ministries would be recognized in our local churches and the body of Christ.
Prayer and declaration: "Spiritual gifts and ministries": Ephesians 4:11,12; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Peter 4:10,11; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10,27-30; Hebrews 2:3,4; James 1:17; Proverbs 3:6; 4:20.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men" (1 Corinthians 12:1-11).

Friday, August 6, 8:30am, Octagon Tabernacle
Prayer Focus: The outpouring of the Spirit. That ministers would be made flames of fire. The manifestation of God's power and anointing.
Prayer and declaration: "... Ministers a flame of fire" (Hebrews 1:7). "I will sing unto the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously" (Exodus 15:1,3); also Exodus 19:3-6. "And Moses said, I will now turn aside" (Exodus 3:3); also 3:2-5. "Turn" a prophetic word given.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:4).

Friday, August 6, 6:39pm, Prayer Room Training Center
Prayer Focus: Dry bones to live. Prophesies to the wind to bring the breath of life.
Prayer and declaration: "Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord" (Ezekiel 37:3-14). "Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount" (Deuteronomy 1:6). "Go in and possess the Land" (Deuteronomy 1:8). Prophetic words given: "Breath," "Life," "Go", "Possess."

"Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you and ye shall live" (Ezekiel 37:5).

Saturday, August 7, 8:30am, Octagon Tabernacle
Prayer Focus: Restoration, sanctification
Prayer and declaration: "Remove our filthy garments; dress us like the lamb's wife" (Zechariah 3:1-7). "If my people who are called ..." (2 Chronicles 7:14). "Boldness to approach the throne" (Hebrews 4:16). "Behold, I give you power" (Luke 10:19). "Lord, sanctify us by your word" (John 17:17). "Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). "Your mercies are new every morning" (Lamentations 2:23).

"Lord, sanctify us." (John 17:17).

Saturday, August 7, 6:30pm, Prayer Room Training Center
Prayer Focus: Men and youth the power to overcome Satan. Youth pastors, leaders, and Men's Ministries.
Prayer and declaration: "Behold I give you power" (Luke 10:19). "The snare is broken and we are escaped" (Psalm 124:7,8). "The joy of brotherhood" (Psalm 133:1). "The Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore." (Psalms 133:3).

"The Lord commandeth the blessing" (Psalm 133:3).

105th Falcon Camp Meeting: Prayers Were Lifted and Heard!

WIN Conference • Saturday, November 6, 2004
"A Passion for Him Through a Lifestyle of Prayer"
Featured speaker: Pastor Michael Fletcher
Falcon Training Center • 8:30am – 2:00pm

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Ministerial Unity

Philippians 2:3-5

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."

Pastoral and church unity is a powerful instrument for the contention and the baffle against the spiritual forces of evil and all oppression that they govern in a city or in a country.

It is an unity without commitments, without attachments, without fears, and without created interest, where each one contributes something of his or her time in order to lean on and build mutually, in a spirit of humility and simplicity, without distinction, preferences or sense of superiority. (See Romans 12:3.)

When we thought on unity, it is the kind the unity in love, the spirit of friendship, purpose and Christ-mind, not in doctrines, strategies, styles, or personalities. It is that unity among us that made us strong, and the support arises voluntarily and naturally.

Unity and good relationships among us make possible the following things:

1. Produce a testimony and impact to the evil world that surrounds us in our city. (John 17:21)
2. Create an atmosphere of blessing and prepare it for the salvation of souls. (Psalm 133:3)
3. Provide the resources to conquer the forces of wickedness that fight for the right of our city. (Eccle. 4:9-12) (12)
4. Create the atmosphere to find strength, support and courage while we are doing the ministerial task. (Eccle. 4:9-12) (10)
5. Provide the opportunity to know the resources and available elements to help us in the ministry and to work effectively with the church.
6. Provide a field of protection of the reputation of our companions in ministry. (Ephesians 4:2-3)
7. Eliminate the spirit of competition and superiority, helping us to recognize the gifts, qualities, style, and properties of each ministry. (1 Cor. 12:18-24)
8. Glorify God, because the church belongs to Him. The church is one, even when each believer or leader ministers under his or her own ministry, denomination, group or church.
9. Constitute a rampart and powerful force to show to the world that the church is one. There are several names, styles, and strategies, but only one church under Jesus Christ.
10. Could make it possible for people to implement effective methods in order to reach the community for Christ with the word of God.
11. Create a line of respect, consideration, and ethics that allows pastors and leaders to do their work without entering the territory of lives that other pastors are pastoring. We should rely on the effectiveness of each one.
12. Finally, I could say that unity helps to develop and grow healthy churches, without the spirit of exclusion and superiority, recognizing the diversity of gifts and ways of each church and pastor with humility.

Acts 2:41-47 presents us the church of the first century. I believe that church is a model we should consider in our day in order to apply it to our condition. If you could see that the spirit of unity, identification with one another, lack of selfishness, and love were realities among them, that is what God wants with us today. (See John 17.)

Falcon Camp Meeting

The Falcon Camp of the last month was a movement of God, to listen to His voice and to establish a willingness to follow His purposes. God used in a great way the speakers, giving us directions to renew our call and to conquer all that He has given to the church. We rejoice in having several Hispanic pastors and congregations during the first service of the camp meeting. It was historic, and we hope that the years to come we will have more and more Hispanic people be present in this great event.

The Global Offering

This is the offering that we take every year for missions. It is really important and strategic that our churches be mobilized to open their eyes and look at the mission field missions, because they are ready, and make the effort in order that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored. Seventy-five percent of this offering goes to the nations in the world, and twenty-five percent is to plant new churches in America. Thank you, Hispanic pastors and churches, as today these churches have given their support.

Carrying the Pastors in Our Hearts

As the high priest wore the breastpiece on his chest every time that he entered into the Lord's presence in intercession for his people Israel (Exodus 28:29), in the same way we are asking you to put in your heart the list of our pastors and pray for them in your personal devotions and in your prayer service as well.

Manuel Reyes, Roanoke Rapids
Carlos Nuñez, Pine Level
Luis Manriquez, Angier
Jose del Villar, Raleigh
Francisco Concepción, Tar Heel
Manuel Bautista, Shallotte
Francisco Suero, Clayton
Alfredo Vargas, St. Paul
Miguelina Olvivo, Garner
Rodolfo Olivo, Evangelista
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Enrry Cantarero, Jacksonville
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Manuel Cornejo, Clinton
José Serrano, Clinton
Idelfondo Vargas, Kinston
Marcial Aguillon, Snow Hill
Alonso Martinez, Oriental
Angel Andrade, Robersonville
Luis Gonzáles, Fayetteville
Juan Montes, Newton Grove
Pablo Popoca, Sanford
Carlos Carrillo, Turkey
Rafael Rodríguez, Micro
Victor Espinoza, Wallace
Armando Siliazar, Benson
Luis Avila, Falcon
Enrique Carrillo, Nashville
Dorgival Da Silva, Evangelista

La Unidad Ministerial

Filipenses 2:3-5

"Nada hagdis por contienda o por vanagloria; antes bien con humildad, estimando cada uno a los demás como superiores a él mismo; no mirando cada uno por lo suyo propio, sino cada cual también por lo de los otros. Haya, pues, en vosotros este sentir que hubo tambien en Cristo Jesús..."

La unidad pastoral y de la iglesia es un instrumento poderoso para la contencion y la batalla contra las huestes de maldad y opresión que gobiernan en una ciudad.

Es una unidad sin compromisos, sin ataduras, sin temores y sin interes creados, en donde cada uno aporta algo de su tiempo para apoyarse y edificarse mutuamente, en un espíritu de humildad y sencillez, sin distingos, preferencias o sentries de superioridad. Romanos 12:3.

Pensamos en la unidad, el amor, el espíritu de amistad, no en doctrinas, estrategias, estilos o personalidades. Es aquella unidad donde la unidad se hace fuerte y el apoyo surge voluntaria y naturalmente.

La unidad y la buena relación producen lo siguiente:

1. La unidad produce un testimonio e impacto al mundo inconverso que nos rodea en nuestra ciudad. Juan 17:21

2. La unidad crea un ambiente de bendición y lo prepara para la salvación de las almas. Salmo 133:3

3. La unidad provee el recurso para vencer las huestes de maldad que pelean por el derecho de nuestra ciudad. Ecle. 4:9-12, (12)

4. La unidad crea el ambiente para encontrar fortaleza, apoyo y ánimo, mientras hacemos la tarea nimisterial. Ecle. 4:9-12, (10)

5. La unidad provee la oportunidad de conocer las fuentes de recursos y elementos disponibles para ayudarnos en el ministerio y el que hacer de la iglesia.

6. La unidad provee un campo de protección de la reputación de nuestros compañeros de ministerio. Efesios 4:2-3

7. La unidad elimina el espíritu de competición y superioridad, ayudándonos a reconocer los dones, cualidades, estilo y propiedades de cada ministerio. 1 Cor. 12:18-24

8. La unidad glorifica a Dios y lo ensalsa, porque El creo la iglesia para El. La iglesia es una sóla, aun cuando cada uno ministra bajo su propio ministerio, denominación, grupo o iglesia.

9. La unidad se constituye en un baluarte y fuerza poderosa para mostrar al mundo que la iglesia es una. Diferentes nombres, estilos y estrategia, pero una sóla.

10. La unidad puede hacer que se implementen métodos efectivos para alcanzar con el evangelismo la comunidad para Cristo.

11. La unidad crea una linea de respeto, consideración y etica que permite a los pastores y líderes, hacer su trabajo sin entrar al territorio de vidas que otros pastores estan pastoreando o ministrando. Debemos confiar en la efectividad de cada uno.

12. Finalmente, puedo decir que la unidad ayuda a desarrollar y crecer iglesias saludables, sin el espíritu de exclusivismo y la superiodad; reconociendo con humilidad la diversidad de dones y maneras de cada iglesia y pastor.

Hechos 2:41-47 nos presenta la iglesia del primer siglo, creo que ella es un modelo de iglesia que debe ser considerado en nuestros días para aplicarlo a nuestra condición. Si usted puede ver el espíritu de unidad, la identificación de unos con otros, la falta de egoísmo y el amor era una realidad entre ellos, eso es lo que Dios desea con nosotros hoy. Juan 17

Nota Del Campamento De Falcon

El Campamento de Falcon el mes pasado file un momento de Dios para oir su voz y establecer una disposición para seguir sus propósitos. Dios usó en gran manera cada uno de los predicadores, dándonos el Señor las direcciones para renovarnos en nuestro llamado y la conquista de aquello que El ha dispuesto para su iglesia.

Nos gozamos mucho el haber tenido varios pastores y congregaciones hispanas en el primer servicio del campamento. Fue histórico y esperamos que cada vez podamos hacerlo y tener más y más presencia hispana en esos poderosos eventos.

La Ofrenda Misonera Global

Esta es la ofrenda que recogemos cada año, para las misiones. Es sumamente importante y estratégico que nuestras iglesias sean mobilizadas para levantar los ojos y mirar los campos misioneros y hacer los aportes posibles para que la Palabra de Dios corra y sea glorificada. El 75% de la ofrenda misionera global se dedica para los países en el mundo y el 25% restante para plantar iglesias en los Estados Unidos. Gracias a los pastores e iglesias hispanas que hasta ahora han hecho su aporte, ellas son:

Llevando Nuestros Pastores En El Corazon

Asi como el sumo sacerdote vestía el pectoral en su pecho con el cual entraba a la presencia de Dios en intercesión por su pueblo; también rogamos poner en su corazón la lista de pastores y orar por ellos en su devocional personal y también los recuerde en su servicio de oración:

Manuel Reyes, Roanoke Rapids
Carlos Nuñez, Pine Level
Luis Manriquez, Angier
Jose del Villar, Raleigh
Francisco Concepción, Tar Heel
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"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

"No Reserve, No Retreat, No Regrets"

These words were first written by Bill Borden, a missionary to Muslims in China in 1912. Also, this was the message brought from Pastor Cutty long before the London Mission trip even began. It was the message that rang clear to the group as they boldly walked the streets of London and made friends with people who obviously were not very friendly.

Cutty and Linda Peacock, along with Vaughn and Kim Cowan and Michelle Buchanan, led a team of 16 students from the Student Ministries of The First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Goldsboro to London, England, for 13 days in July. The team worked with Matt and Janese Bennett, who have been serving in London as missionaries for the IPHC.

The London team utilized drama, music, personal testimonies, and the boldness of the Holy Spirit to plant seeds throughout London. Matt explained to the team up front that if the people think you are only trying to convert them, they will have nothing to do with you. Our goal was to befriend them and show them the love of Jesus.

Each morning would start with a bus or tube ride to Leytonstone station. From there, we walked approximately two miles to the Fountain of Life church. Our mornings were spent in devotion, praise and worship, and much prayer. It was truly amazing to see the way God moved even before we hit the streets of London. Many team members spoke words of encouragement, words of prophecy, and words of life over one another. One team member brought us to the realization that we should be like Jesus, with our arms open wide, saying to anyone and everyone we meet, "Allow me to share the love of Jesus with you." Each word brought us back to the thought that we cannot hold back because we are living sacrifices for the Lord of the Harvest.

Most of our weekdays were spent in local market areas where thousands of people came to either buy or sell anything you can imagine. We would draw a crowd by playing and singing music. Once a crowd had gathered, we would perform a Stix drama. This is a drama telling the story of Jesus by using six-foot sticks. There are no words involved. The only sounds are those from the beats of the sticks. People were drawn in by the rhythms of this drama. Once the drama was over, the team would mingle with the crowd. Oftentimes, this led to in-depth conversations about God. Other times, it was just a chance to invite them to the Fountain of Life church or to the Richmond Café.

The Richmond Café is similar to a coffeehouse. This is where we spent our Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. Again, our music would be the attention-getter. Once there, the people would enjoy coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and biscuits (cookies) while team members would sit and talk with them. These casual conversations gave a foundation to building relationships with many of the London people. All different kinds of people would show up at the café: some Christians, some Turkish, some English, some homeless. No matter who it was, the team always let the Holy Spirit guide them as to what needed to be said to each individual and always showed them love.

Saturdays were spent at Kidz Klub, which is an outreach for kids all across the city. It is housed by London City Missions, where approximately 60 kids meet each Saturday afternoon. The kids are so hungry for Jesus that you can feel the excitement as soon as you walk in the room. We did the praise and worship, drama, and whatever else they needed for us to do.

The first Sunday, we attended the Fountain of Life church, where we conducted the entire service. The Holy Spirit moved in a powerful way that morning. We met a gentleman who had been to the café earlier that weekend. His words were, "I have never sensed peace like I feel in this place."

The second Sunday, we attended a Church of England church that was built in 1837. We conducted a service for their youth called Pathfinders. This church was absolutely beautiful, much like a cathedral. The vicar (pastor), Ian, gave us a history lesson on the Anglican Church. It was uplifting to hear the vision for the church.

There were a couple of days that we spent seeing the sights of London. These days were fun but definitely not as fulfilling as the days of ministry. Even on these days, team members would find a way to connect with someone, either on the bus or the tube, or while shopping for souvenirs.

God did an incredible work in our hearts as well as in the lives of some of the people in London. Overall,

we had at least 537 personal conversations about Christ. We handed out over 2,000 tracts, 500 Gospels of Mark, and 150 Turkish films. Again, our mission was to plant seeds, and we believe that God will continue to water these seeds.

Matt and Janese are wonderful. They truly have a passion for the people here. And their passion rubbed off on our team. We woke up each day with a purpose and a mission. We held nothing back. We went for it all, and we have no regrets.

2004 Global Outreach

As of the writing of this article, we have just had our 2004 Global Outreach Celebration service. I praise God for our Global Outreach offering to date of $259,538.41. I am still looking to hear from 31 churches that have not reported; however, to every church that has participated, I say a hearty "Thank you."

Church Planting

In recent months I have focused on church planting. The N.C. Conference has to transition to a church-planting movement. A sobering statistic is that only one percent of American churches are involved in church planting. My question is this: How do we, the N.C. Conference, stack up against that statistic? At this point, we need substantial improvement. I pray the Holy Spirit will do the work of conviction in the hearts and lives of pastors and congregations.

We are represented in Eastern North Carolina by one PH church for every 16,400 people. That means our potential is staggering. The possibilities to plant churches out of our existing churches are numerous. As pastors, we must realize that we are the key figure in catching and casting the vision of "mothering churches." Church planting has to be intentional - it must be part of our spiritual DNA. Again, it requires vision: "a clear mental picture of what could be, fueled by the conviction that it should be." New PH congregations do not pose a threat to the mother congregation. A healthy church should become an aspiring parent of a new church. New churches are full of evangelistic energy; they add life to an existing church and affirm the mission and outreach of the mother church. I am firmly convinced, as I survey the N.C. Conference, that we are blessed with existing, established churches who can give birth to another congregation. We are also blessed with existing churches who can partner their efforts and resources to plant churches.

God is opening the door wide for your church to reproduce itself – it's only natural. Perhaps your question is this: How do I cast this vision to my people, and how do we go about the process of mothering a church?

Remember this date, time, and location, and bring with you key leaders who will assist you in owning and participating in the process of mothering/planting a new congregation.

Date: Saturday, October 30
Time: 8:30am – 1:00pm
Location: The First PH Church – Goldsboro
Cost: $50 per church
Instructor: Dr. Owen Weston

Charles Boyd
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Who's Minding the Shop?

Sunday schools are delicate creatures. They require a lot of attention. In fact, they require constant attention. Someone has to be willing to provide them with leadership. If not, they will decline and die. All of us have been to the zoo and watched the pitiful-looking creatures behind the bars. They seem so dejected and sad sometimes. Don't let your Sunday school become that way!

Every once in a while, you'll go into a country store looking for something specific, but for the life of you, you can't find anyone to help you. You look around, and it is like a desert waste: there is not an assistant within a five-mile radius. You wonder, Who's minding this shop, anyway?

There are times when visitors to our churches could be forgiven for asking the same question. As you walk through the door, no one is there to greet you. Neither the pastor nor the Sunday school superintendent is anywhere to be found. There are no signs on the doors or in the hallway to give you a clue as to where to go. A few people are standing around and talking. They look at you as though you are from Mars. Even if someone does speak to you and tries to take you to a class, the teacher isn't there, and you sit in an empty room for ten minutes, at which time people begin to filter in two minutes after 10:00 a.m. The teacher appears five minutes after that! Even worse, when you drop your kids off in their class, the conversation goes something like this...

"Where's Helen?"

"I don't know."

"Did she say she was not going to be here?"

"Not to me."

"Well, let's see if we can find you a class to go to...."

In our day and age, visitors and people in general will not accept unprofessional and badly managed church programs. Churches had better wake up! Someone has to manage the Sunday school. Someone needs to take charge and provide skillful professional leadership. That someone cannot be the pastor!

Here are a few pointers in good Sunday school management:

First, the church, at the recommendation of the pastor, needs to appoint a good, highly regarded, and motivated Christian brother or sister with a heart for Sunday school to act as superintendent. In the past, due to an absence of clear leadership and desire for the job, I have tried to do without a superintendent. It won't work! Someone has to mind the shop! The pastor cannot do it. He will not give it the attention it deserves. The best day's work I did in Sunday school was to appoint a superintendent who is motivated, has vision for Sunday school, and truly sees the importance of it with respect to the overall ministry of the church.

Second, the Sunday school must develop its own vision for fulfilling its role in the church. The superintendent must be able to communicate a clear objective for Sunday school that supports the overall vision of the church. Our church vision is based upon the concept that the church exists to disciple the saints, with a clear understanding from Acts 2:42-47 that growing saints cannot help but speak out for Christ and evangelize the lost. The Sunday school is committed to supporting that vision through strengthening young families with systematic Bible training and relationship building. The older saints are called upon to become cheerleaders, prayer warriors, and encouragers for the parents and children of the church by lending support and experienced guidance to them. Everyone has a role.

Third, a Sunday school must develop the structure and program that supports that vision. This is difficult task. It is hard to lead a formerly stagnating Sunday school into a vibrant visionary future, one where the program works well and is successful. In fact, it won't happen overnight. Therefore, the superintendent has to be a committed individual who can look way down the road to accomplish his or her goals.

A program that supports the goals of the Sunday school's vision is going to possess certain broad characteristics. Other features will depend upon the local church and situation. A good Sunday school will have a vision for teaching the Bible effectively to each distinct group of people in the church. The most natural divisions, of course, are based on age. But in the course of time, Sunday schools that excel must be prepared to identify and reach other distinct groups of people. A growing Sunday school seeks to encourage close relationships through

supportive and creative programs and teachers. This is even more critical in a large church. Healthy Sunday schools have organized and well administered follow-up procedures that keep up with visitors and those who are absent and encourage those who make definite spiritual commitments to God. Effective Sunday schools provide teachers with good materials, and they don't complain about expenses! They also find ways to appreciate their staff from time to time.

In the next several Sunday school e-newsletters, we will be looking at Sunday school management. So join the group discussion by emailing PastorPaull957@highstream.net or visiting the *NCCEM.net* website and visiting the Sunday school page.

On September 18, 2004, there will be a training event in Falcon for Sunday school leaders and teachers. In that discussion we will be talking about seven laws of effective teaching and learning. Please check with the pastor and your Sunday school superintendent for details. The October 2004 Sunday school district and zone workshops have been replaced by this event in order to better serve conference Sunday schools with first-class material.

Children's Ministry

October 1-2, 2004

(Look for more information to come to you in the mail!)

Teacher Day of Training

Due to scheduling conflicts, the teacher training for Saturday, August 28, on "The 7 Laws of the Teacher," has been moved to Saturday, September 18, at the Culbreth Memorial PH Church from 8:30am to 4:30pm (schedule enclosed). This promises to be a great day of training for your teachers of all ages. This is the Howard Hendricks material and book, *The 7 Laws of the Teacher*, of which Joyce Hodges and Charles Boyd made you aware in our spring CEM district workshops.

Please note that this one-day workshop will take the place of the fall CEM district workshops that were scheduled in October.

Pastors, youth pastors, Sunday school teachers, and lay leaders, please get the word out to all your teachers about this change! And we look forward to seeing you Saturday, September 18, at 8:30am. Lunch will be provided, so please give us a good guess as to the number of leaders you will be bringing by Thursday, September 16, so we can prepare for them.

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"Then God said, 'Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.' ... And God saw that it was good."

Genesis 1:11, 12 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

N.C. Conference Theme 2005:

Yes, Lord!

Prior to 1543, a father would speak to his son and/or daughter and say, "We are the center of the world!" He was wrong, but that was the perception. Everything was believed to revolve around the earth – man's habitation. In that year, Nicolas Copernicus presented a new theory that the earth revolved around the solar system. So it was, and so it is.

The same can be said of our solar system. It all revolves around the Son, not man. Thus, our theme for the Conference for 2005 is "Yes, Lord!"

This ties in beautifully with our Making Disciples 2004-2005 general theme and the decadal theme of Reach 3•Plant 3. Our Lord's last words to His disciples involved making disciples and expanding His kingdom. His disciples would say, "Yes, Lord," and His kingdom would grow.

The writer to the Hebrews expressed his desire to follow the Lord and "go on unto perfection." His idea was one of obedience – "This we will do" (Hebrews 6:1-3). May that be the desire of every member of the N.C. Conference – clergy and church alike.

The best is yet to come. The Lord has a plan for the conference. "There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the Lord's counsel – that will stand" (Proverbs 19:21). He not only has a plan for the conference, but also for each church, each member, and each member of the clergy. The privilege of each child of God is to discover that plan. He hovers over His children with protection, provision, and direction.

We need to say, "Yes, Lord!" to His word. We need to move on in. In John 17 the believer is announced as a gift from the Father to the Son. In the same chapter the Son gives the Father's word to each believer. The word is for the believer's growth and benefit. John 8:32 declares, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

We need to say "Yes, Lord!" to His love. We need to move on in. Manifesting His love is the believer's way of demonstrating the Father. It is Christianity in action and in reality. "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue in my love" (John 15:9).

We need to say "Yes, Lord!" to His grace. Let us move on in. The heart of His message to be preached is grace. Jesus saves! Jesus forgives! "For God so loved . . . that He gave His only son that whosoever ..." Amen. The church cannot be truly His church unless she is reaching out to those lost in sin. He did say, "As you are going make disciples!" (Matthew 28). Most who hear the true words of grace desire more (Acts 13:40-41).

We need to say "Yes, Lord!" to His faith. Let us go on in. The way of faith is important. The church is our absolute necessity. Paul and Barnabas in their journeys were "confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

We need to say "Yes, Lord!" to prayer. Let us go on in. Success and significance in the Kingdom is based on prayer. The believer has not if he asks not. We are instructed over and over in the Word to pray. Prayer is His plan. It is the key to victory. Paul said, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Col. 4:2).

When we say "Yes, Lord!" results happen. "Let us go on in. "Behold you among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which you will not believe, though it be told you." (Habakkuk 1:5). "If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land, which floweth with milk and honey" (Numbers 14:8).

When we say "Yes, Lord!" we are obeying Him. Let us obey! Obedience is never an option. He is the sovereign God. He who made us has a plan. His desire is to bring joy and victory into the lives of His children. We are to obey whatever He says! "But my servant Caleb, because he hath another Spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereunto he went; and his seed shall posses it" (Numbers 14:24). "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you that you should not obey the truth ...?" (Galatians 3:1).

It is exciting to know the plans the Lord has for us here, and then there is heaven. Let us each and every one say, "Yes, Lord!" or as our Spanish brothers say, "Sí, Señor!"

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Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church 10th Year Anniversary

June 6, 2004, marked a milestone for the Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church. Only ten years earlier, on June 5, 1994, the first worship service for this newly organized church was held in the old Miami North nightclub. The Ten Year Anniversary Celebration worship service was held in the new sanctuary that was completed in September 2000.

This day of celebration began at 10:00am with Pastor Jonathan Griffin welcoming friends, families, and special guests. Among these were Rev. Vance Harrell, the first pastor of the Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church, and the Rev. T.E. Long, Superintendent of the denomination's North Carolina Conference at the time of the church's organization.

Many memories were stirred up as several couples, who joined the congregation at different stages in the life of the church, gave their personal testimonies as to how their lives have been changed by God and how He has used this group of loving, caring, sharing people.

Various singing groups from the church ministered to the people prior to the morning message, delivered by Rev. T.E. Long. Through responsive readings, the deacon board members and the congregation rededicated the sanctuary, surrounding grounds, and facilities. Afterward, the 406 people in attendance enjoyed a covered dish lunch.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Losing Our Virtue: Why the Church Must Recover Its Moral Vision

David F. Wells. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 228 pages.

Anytime you find one of the fifteen or more books David Wells has written, if possible, purchase it and read it for profit. The author of such books as *No Place for Truth* and *God in the Wasteland* has proven through the years to be a mind-stimulating and heart-stirring writer. In this book, Wells warns the church of the cultural crisis impending because modern culture is in many subtle ways shaping the church instead of the church influencing the world for Christ. He warns the church may lose its voice and the right to be heard in these postmodern times.

The main issue is not whether the church will exist in postmodern times, but rather whether the church will be effective in its God-given mission on earth. Has the 21st-century church forfeited its virtue and precious values? Has the salt lost its savor? Has the church lost its moral vision, blinded by its outward success yet suffering from its spiritual inward condition? Has the church begun to fall down the slippery slope of materialism and secularism with no hope of stopping the lubricious, immoral trend? Has the church misunderstood what it means to be in the world but not of it? If so, what can be done about it?

That our society has become morally illiterate can be seen from various positions on the American landscape. All one has to do is walk the halls of America's schools for a day and realize something is greatly amiss. Not only are more and more people morally illiterate; they are also morally vacant. How many Americans understand the meaning of true righteousness and holiness? We must ask ourselves a very serious question: "Is anything wrong anymore?" Have moral offenses against God been reduced simply to bad feelings about ourselves? Have we learned to cope with and adapt to the bad feelings and completely ignored the offenses against God?

Consider the question, "How many Christians thoroughly enjoy discussing theology?" Where are the serious Bible students who hunger for the kind of no-nonsense Bible study that challenges and calls for rigorous mental labor? "I believe" has been replaced with "I feel." Wells claims that even the church's vocabulary is in crisis. Twenty years from now, for example, how will the word *sanctification* fare? How many new choruses in the past ten years sing about the themes of sin, penitence, and the longing for holiness? Would it be safe to say that most modern Christian songs tend to focus on therapeutic rather than moral aspects of life? Sin is viewed as little more than a poor self-image, and salvation reverses all that, resulting in happy feelings. What shall serve as the moral compass for the church in the years ahead?

Not long ago, I listened to a minister who spoke to a large number of high school students concerning the prodigal son. He dealt with it in passing, but the main thrust of his message was the prodigal pig. The virtue of the prodigal pig was to do what comes naturally. He told them simply to "be yourself, and go after all that you want, and do what comes naturally, just like a pig."

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Rev. Kenneth Dixon..... October 13

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Rev. Linwood Manning..... October 15

Rev. Lotis C. Joyner..... October 17

Rev. Mrs. Pauline Knowles.... October 18

Rev. Louise Smith..... October 31

Rev. Emmett Turner..... November 12

Rev. Mary Susan Parker.... November 13

Rev. Kenneth Autry..... November 26

Rev. Wiley D. Vick..... November 29

God's answer to the plight of man is salvation bestowing honor and dignity upon man in ways that he could never do for himself. When God is the center, moral bearings are easily found. When the Bible becomes the source of truth, lies and falsehoods are exposed. While the sinful world leads to deeper despair, the goodness and righteousness of God liberate and transform the mind and life of the believer. Is there hope for tomorrow? Yes, indeed; for as long as God lives, and as long as there are people who cry out to God for help, guidance, and salvation, the light will shine so others may see.

My heart, stirred by each of the six chapters that reveal the terrible condition of postmodern man and the influences of society upon the church, also cries out to God for His power and pervasive influence in the church. Let us concede that the Spirit's power is greater than the power of the one who is in the world. Let us remember that Jesus Christ is the Head, and we are members of His body. Entrusted with the gospel, the church of Jesus Christ shall go forward, witness faithfully; and when the Faithful and True Witness returns, He will find a watching and waiting remnant of the faithful who gaze at Him as their finisher of faith on earth!

Tyndale Handbook of Bible Charts and Maps

Neil S. Wilson and Linda K. Taylor. Wheaton, Illinois: Tyndale House Publishers Inc. 600 pages.

Most ministers have books they have purchased, read once, and put on the shelf, never to be consulted again. I probably have hundreds of them. Other books, however, are readily available for quick reference and easy consulting. My *Strong's Concordance, Unger's Bible Dictionary, Moody Handbook of Theology, Baxter's Explore the Book, Thayer's Greek Lexicon,* the *Interlinear Bible,* and *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words* remain very close "friends" by my desk in the study.

Over 550 Bible charts, 200 high-resolution full-color Bible maps, 600 perforated pages which make copying easier, devotional themes for each book of the Bible, a topical index that covers everything inside, and CD that contains every chart and map of the book make this Bible study tool flexible, useful, and worthy of ownership. It will do more for you than collect dust. Every serious student of the Word ought to possess this valuable study and teaching reference.

Each chart is a Bible lesson in and of itself. Some of these charts provide new insight into some of the books of the Bible. I am very impressed with the format. It is quite obvious the book is designed for instant utility. You can even make transparencies from these charts. The CD that comes with the publication is PC- and MAC-compatible.

Where in the World Is the Church? A Christian View of Culture and Your Role in It

Michael S. Horton. Phillipsburg, New Jersey: P & R Publishers. 210 pages.

Defining the role of the church in the world has never been the prerogative of Christian leaders. The Lord Jesus and the Apostles established the role of the church some 2000 years ago. It does remain, however, the responsibility of ministers and lay leaders alike to determine and describe how that role is carried out in their culture and particular setting, whether in Warsaw, North Carolina, or in Bangkok, Thailand. The Great Commission is Christ's command; the Great Commandment calls for our loving obedience. Blurred lines of description have resulted in much confusion as to what the church's role and responsibility are in today's world. To this end, Horton seeks to clarify and reinforce the correct understanding of the role of the church. Horton writes, "The pressure to justify art, science, and entertainment in terms of their spiritual value or evangelistic usefulness ends up damaging both the gift of creation and the gift of the Gospel." He agrees that art and science and even entertainment have their value and their place in society. The issue is, "How does one integrate faith and life?"

The author traces the thought and influences of various theologians, philosophers, musicians, and authors from the Reformation period until today. Essentially he makes the point that although we live in a different day, things are not much different than they were 500 years ago, or even longer, for that matter. God, Satan, man, and the world are basically the same. Worldliness, the enemy of holiness, may be dressed in different clothes, but it is still the same as it was with Luther, Calvin, Kuyper and others. The church is in the world, but the world is not to be in the church.

For example, the Lord's Day, or Sunday, according to Horton has fallen on hard times in some Christian circles. As odd as it may sound, are Christians losing interest in God and the things of God? Has the Lord's Day lost its splendor? Have pool parties, biking, hiking, sports, movies, dining, etc., taken the place of Sunday evening services? Is the church less "churchy" and more "worldly"? Worldliness is the disease of the soul, and it is stifling the mission effectiveness and dulling the sharp edge of the church. If the foundations be destroyed, what will the righteous do?

The author advocates recovering the first things of the Christian faith, going deeper in faith, theology and faithfulness, and abandoning human weakness to the omnipotence of God. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

BUILDING the KINGDOM of GOD TOGETHER

Patsy's Paragraphs

"He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord."

(Psalm 40:3)

Dear Women of God:

Have you ever wondered what impression you make on others? As women in ministry, each one of us is in a place where we will have unique opportunities to share the gospel.

Here are a few suggestions for ways we can spread the Good News:

- **Ministries to Parents and Married Couples:**
  Parents' Day Out – Provide childcare one or more days a week, funded by a small charge to parents.
  New Parents – Provide babysitting for new parents.
  Couples' Supper Club – Organize groups of couples to meet in homes regularly to eat together and enjoy Christian fellowship.

- **Ministries to Women:**
  New Mothers – Prepare and deliver packets containing such items as a bib, a pink or blue Bible, a coupon for a home-cooked meal that will be delivered to the home when needed, parenting magazines, and information about the church.
  Single Mothers – Provide practical help such as encouragement, fellowship, seminars, and emergency childcare.
  Women's Care – Provide housing, protection, and care for displaced, endangered, or abused women.

- **Ministries to Senior Adults:**
  Adult Day Care – Provide for those who need care while adult children fulfill other responsibilities.
  Home Meal Delivery – Provide hot meals.
  The Homebound – Provide visitation, spiritual help, and practical ministry to those unable to attend church services.

By building relationships and by letting others see who we are and expressing sincere interest in them, we find opportunities for effective witnessing. If they watch you long enough, they'll see Jesus in you.

Remember, *"Together We Can Make a Difference!"*

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Potpourri...

- Keep your salad crisp – Leftover salad can get limp from the moisture that accumulates in the lid of the container in which it's stored. To keep it crisp, put a paper towel in the container before sealing it to absorb moisture.

- Prettier flowers – To clean silk flowers, place them in a plastic bag with two tablespoons of salt, and shake while holding on to the stems. Salt attracts dust.

- Hug your pet – If you're stressed out, you may find comfort by spending time with your pet. Researchers assigned unpleasant tasks to 240 married couples, half of whom had pets. They found the pet owners' stress levels were much lower, and they performed better when their pets were present.

HARVEST TRAIN 2004

Tuesday, November 23, is the date.

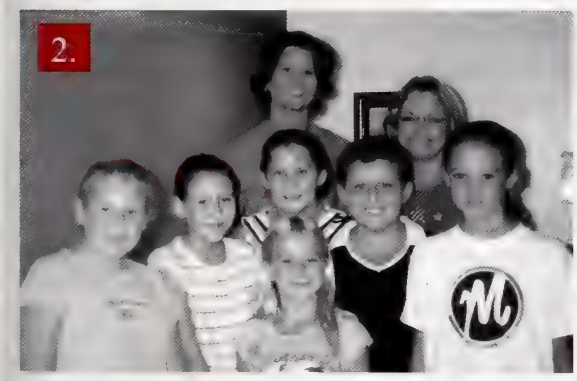
Whom does Falcon Children's Home serve? Falcon serves the Southeastern United States ministry area of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Although located in Falcon, North Carolina, where most referrals originate, the Children's Home may accept applications or referrals from any public or private source anywhere in the U.S., subject to state and federal laws.

What ages of children are admitted? The Home is licensed to care for 95 children. The child may be either male or female and may be part of a sibling group if current vacancies allow. The child must be between two and eighteen years old.

Do we need your help? Yes, yes, yes! Please make plans now to decorate your vehicle and join us in Dunn for the parade that will travel to Falcon. You could be the winner of the best-decorated vehicle! Bring your commodities and offerings to HARVEST TRAIN. You won't be disappointed. Each year the children do an outstanding job with their program. They're really looking forward to your visit! Please come and let them bless you!

MARANATHA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES MINISTERS IN THE COMMUNITY...

On Saturday, July 31, the Maranatha Women's Ministries from Beaufort fed approximately 75 folks at our local Hope Mission. The Missionettes from the Smyrna P.H. Church stopped by with supplies for the Mission. The girls enjoyed meeting the men and women as they ate lunch. We had a wonderful time sharing the love of Christ. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Cutlines:

1. Mrs. Frieda Price washing pots and pans.
2. Smyrna Missionettes
3. Maranatha WM preparing lunch.
4. Hope Mission
5. Mrs. Frances Worley cleaning the floor.
6. Our pastor's wife washing out the mop bucket!

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"Partners in Ministry"

The Power of Voting

The Word of God tells us in Matthew 22:21, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

Many times we have taken the privilege of voting for our next leaders of this country too lightly. We feel that as Christians, we don't make a difference. We sometimes think that by praying and staying home the day of the elections, we will get the right person in the different offices of our city, state, and country, but this is where we are wrong. We make a big difference! Don't get me wrong; we should pray for the leaders of our country, but at the same time we have to put legs on prayer by going to the booth and voting.

We as Christians have been intimidated by the liberal media and people of this great country that we live in. It is time that we take a stance for what is right.

If we were to go back in history, we would find:

1. Laws against abortion
2. Prayer in school
3. No same sex marriage
4. No special legal rights for homosexuals
5. God in our court system

All of these things that we believe in as Christians have been taken away by one person who started the ball rolling, and the thing about that is that they didn't have God on their side, and we let them get away with it.

The time has come that we as Christians stand up and say *no more* to all of these liberal agendas. We have to start voting according to the Word of God. We can't say that we are Christians and vote for people who have liberal agendas. We have to remember that we are not a minority. We are a majority, because we have God on our side.

This year's election will make a big difference in this country. Go vote, and when you do, make sure that the person you're voting for is a person who:

1. Is a Christian
2. Fears God
3. Prays
4. Believes in the Word of God
5. Goes by the Word of God
6. Lives the Word of God

We as brothers and sisters united by the Holy Spirit can make a big difference for our country.

–by Miguel Figueroa
Abiding in Him Church

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A PASSION FOR HIM THROUGH A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER

Prayer and Teaching Conference
Saturday – November 6, 2004
8:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Falcon Training Center

Featured Speaker – Member of U.S. Prayer Network
Pastor Michael Fletcher

Michael Fletcher is the senior pastor of Manna Church located in Fayetteville, N.C. He has been the senior pastor for 20 years and has led the church from 300 members in 1983 to over 2,600 members. Michael is also the apostolic team leader of Grace Churches International, which currently has 318 churches in over 40 nations. He is a highly sought-after speaker in local church and conference settings both nationally and internationally.

Michael has a passion to "change the world" and has been accomplishing this vision in three specific areas:

- By helping God's people discover their individual giftings and callings, and deploying them to be salt and light in their world.
- By helping God's people build strong families with an emphasis on marriage and child rearing.
- By planting churches with a world-changing vision locally, regionally, and internationally.

Author – God has given Michael great insight in the area of church growth, and he has recently authored a book entitled *Leadership Transitions for Growth*. Dr. C. Peter Wagner wrote the foreword and said that "this is the best guidebook for pastors today." The book has already sold thousands of copies, and his church growth seminar has helped bring encouragement and strategy to numerous pastors. Michael has a burden to use the wisdom God has given him to strengthen local churches and see them reach their full potential. Michael has also authored *Beyond Reconciliation*, which is published by Wagner Publications. His third book, *Building Successful Relationships: 7 Keys to Winning and Keeping the Hearts of Others* was set for release in June 2004.

Instructor – Michael is also an instructor at Grace College of Divinity, where he teaches Theology, Church Life, and Church Growth.

Michael hosts a daily radio program focusing on family-related issues that reaches over a quarter of the state of North Carolina. He is also a member of the U.S. Prayer Network. Michael has been married to wife Laura for 25 years and has 8 "world changers." He and his wife have conducted child-rearing and marriage seminars in churches throughout the region.

All clergy, leaders, WIN captains and church members are invited to come.

Send registration to: Rev. Lydia Figueroa, P.O. Box 9346, Fayetteville NC 28311, 910-429-0312.

PASIÓN HACIA EL ATRAVES DE UN ESTILO DE VIDA EN ORACIÓN

CONFERENCIA DE ORACIÓN Y ENTRENAMIENTO
Sábado – 6 de Noviembre 2004
8:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Centro de Entrenamiento Falcon

Invitado Especial – Miembro de la Red de Oración en Los E.U.
Pastor Michael Fletcher

Michael Fletcher es el pastor de la iglesia Manna Church localizada en Fayteville, NC. El hacido pastor de esta iglesia por 20 años y crecio su iglesia de 300 miembros en 1983 a 2,600 miembros. Michael tambien es líder apostolico de Grace Churches International donde hay 318 iglesias en casi 40 naciones. El es altamente reclamado como orador especial en iglesias locales, conferencias, nacionales e internacionales.

Michael tiene una pasión que es "cambiar el mundo" y lleva acabo esta visión en tres formas.

- Ayudando a los creyentes a descubrir sus dones, llamado, y lansandolos para que sean la sal y luz del mundo.
- Ayudando a los creyentes formar familias fuertes con enfasis en el matrimonio y la criansa de niños.
- Ayudando a plantar iglesias con la visión "cambiar el mundo" localmente, regional e internacional.

Autor de los libros *Leadership Transitions for Growth, Beyond Reconciliation,* y *Building Successful Relationships: 7 Keys to Winning and Keeping the Hearts of Others.*

Instructor del colegio Grace College of Divinity.

Programa de radio: Michael tambien patrocina un programa de radio diariamente que se enfoca en las relaciones familiares. El tambien es miembro de la Red de Oración en Los Estados Unidos. Michael es casado con Laura por 25 años y tiene 8 hijos. Michael y su esposa Laura conducen seminarios de matrimonios y como criar los hijos.

Ministros, líderes, capitanes de WIN y miembros estan invitados (No habra cuido de niños)

Registración: Rev. Lydia Figueroa, P.O. Box 9346, Fayetteville NC 28311, 910-429-0312

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Yes, Lord!

This is the theme for 2005 that the Lord has put in the heart of our superintendent Chris Thompson; we have also made it our theme. We have already taken the decision, and we have said, "Yes, Lord."

In **Matthew 21:28-31**, Jesus tells the parable in which we learn, among other things, the lesson that *"action precedes words."* The words have their value, but the actions surpass the words. Saying "Yes, Lord" to God is action, not only words; neither are they only desires or thoughts. The Lord wants and helps us in order to move us from our desires to the actions in obedience to His Word.

There are words and key expressions in this parable regarding obedience to the Lord that I want to mention and apply:

a. The first is the call from God, who is the owner of the vineyard, saying, "Son, go and work today in the vineyard." This was what he said to his children.

b. The second sentence is, "...but later he changed his mind and went." This is talking about the son who had responded, "I will not go," but he later said yes and went to work.

c. The next sentence is the second son saying, "'I will, Sir,' but he did not go." Notice that with the second son the *disposition* of responding was not the same as acting.

In **2 Corinthians 8:6, 10-12** the apostle Paul talks about the disposition to *want* and to *do* something. The Corinthians there were willing to fulfill the service they had promised to the church of Jerusalem. But that spontaneity, that disposition had to complete the work by carrying out what they had promised to complete.

The apostle tells them in verses 10-11, "Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it...." As they were fast in wanting, they also had to be fast in completing.

Saying "Yes, Lord" requires a disposition and an answer, but also leads us to carry out, complete, and work. It is not enough only to want; it is not enough only to say; it is necessary to do.

d. Finally, this was the question Jesus asked the people he was teaching: *"Which of the two did what his father wanted?"*

We have to define here something very important, considering Jesus' words: *We are here and have been lifted and called in order to do what the Father wants, not what we want.* We see this in these expressions of our Savior Jesus Christ:

John 9:4 – "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me..."

John 5:30 – "...for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me."

John 6:38 – "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me."

Jesus had clarity about his mission. He had decided long ago to say and do "Yes, Lord" for his Father. So should we be completely definite. Why are we here, and why are we part of the Kingdom of God? – in order to say and do "Yes, Lord," for our Father in Jesus Christ.

In the parable the one in good standing with the Father was the son who said, "I won't go," but repented (changed his mind) and went to the vineyard of the Father. The second son, who said, "I will go," but did not, was left without honor, without blessings, and without pleasing the heart of his father.

Really, God wants a complete answer: "From the heart, out of our mouths, and of the determination do to His will." It is not a light promise that does not come from the heart, but a sincere answer, given in response to and depending on his grace and power, an answer of amazement, such as Zacchaeus showed when Jesus called him. Surprised and astonished by the grace of Jesus, he accepted the invitation of the Lord, and he ended by confessing his life and changing his ways.

We are going to say, "Yes, Lord," to our Savior Jesus Christ; we will go and work in His vineyard, while our hearts open up in obedience in order to receive His will and His grace in anointing, power, wisdom, protection, and love, so we may walk with Him.

We let the waters of His Word and His presence water the seed sowed in our hearts so that it is always germinating, growing, and producing the crop of abundant fruits that bring honor to Him and blessing to the kingdom of God. Say, "Yes Lord," to all that He tell us; do what He wants. His will is "good, pleasant, and perfect" (**Romans 12:2**).

NEWS

MARRIAGE RETREAT FOR PASTORS AND WIVES. Be attentive to our first marriage retreat for pastors and their wives. Our goal is enrich pastoral marriages and strengthen them with this event. It will be October 22-23, 2004.

TRAINING CLASSES FOR PASTORS AND LEADERS. Our next and last training of this year will be October 29-30, 2004, in Falcon. Our topic on this occasion is discipleship. The teaching is focused on topics, programs, strategies and materials of discipleship in our local churches.

FIRST HISPANIC CONVENTION. In this event we will gather all the churches to worship, be touched by God, and strengthen us for our task in the Lord. The date will be October 5-6, 2004, in Falcon.

Carry Each Other's Burdens

Always remember our leaders in your personal prayers and in the congregation, requesting strength, wisdom, and grace to do the work that has been commended to them in the power of God. Remember the Rev. Chris Thompson, our superintendent, and all who are directors of the several departments of the conference.

Sí, Señor!

Es el lema para el año 2005, que el Señor ha puesto en el corazón de nuestro superintendente Chris Thompson; también lo hemos hecho nuestro lema. Hemos tomado ya la decisión y hemos dicho: "Sí, Señor".

En **Mateo 21:28-31**, Jesús comenta la parábola, en la cual aprednemos entre otras cosas la leccion de la *"acción precede a las palabras"*. Las palabras tienen su valor. Pero las acciones sobrepasan a las palabras. Decir "Si, Señor" a Dios es acción, no sólo palabras; tampoco son sólo deseos o pensamientos. El Señor quiere y nos ayuda para movernos de nuestros deseos a las aciones en cuando a la obediencia de Su Palabra.

Hay palabras y expresiones claves en esta parábola respecto de la obediencia al Señor que deseo mencionar y aplicar:

a. La primera es en cuanto al llamado de Dios, quien es el dueño de su viña, diciendo: "Vaya y trabaje en mi vina". Esto fue lo que le dijo a sus hijos.

b. La segunda frase es "cambió su mente y fue" esto hablando del hijo que le había respondido que no iba, pero que más tarde dijo que sí y fue a trabajar.

c. La siguiente frase es cuando el segundo hijo dijo "Señor, yo iré, pero no fue". Note que la disposición de responder no fue la misma en actuar. En **2 Corintios 8:6, 10-12** el apostol Pablo nos habla de la disposición de querer y hacer. Los corintios habían dispuesto a cumplir con el servicio que habían prometido a la iglesia de Jerusalem. Pero esa espontaneidad; esa disposición tenía su obra completa al llevar a cabo lo que habían prometido cumplir. El apostol les dice en los versículos 10-11 "así como comenzaron a querer, deben también hacer". Así como fueron rápidos en querer, también sean rápidos en cumplir.

Decir "Sí, Señor" requiere de una disposición y una respuesta, pero que nos lleve a realizar, cumplir y accionar. No basta sólo con querer, no basta sólo con decir, hay que hacer.

d. Por último, la pregunta que les hace Jesús a los que les enseñaba ésta parábola fue: *Cuál de los dos hizo lo que el padre deseaba?*

Tenemos que definir aquí algo muy importante, tomando en cuenta las mismas palabras de Jesús: *Estamos aquí y hemos sido levantados y llamados para hacer lo que el Padre desea, no lo que nosotros queremos.* Veamos en la forma que lo expresa nuestro amado Señor Jesús:

Juan 9:4 " Me es necesario hacer las obras del que me envió..."

Juan 5:30 "...No busco agradarme a mí mismo, sino al que me envió, a mi Padre."

Juan 6:38 "Por que he descendido del cielo, no para hacer mi voluntad, sino la voluntad del que me envió."

Jesús tenía clarísimo cual era su misión. El había decidido hacer mucho tiempo atrás el decir y hacer "Sí Señor" a su Padre. Así nosotros debemos estar definidos completamente. Por qué estamos aquí y somos parte del reino de Dios? para decir y hacer "Sí Señor" a nuestro Padre en Cristo Jesús.

En la parabola quien quedó bien con el Padre fue el hijo que dijo "no iré, pero arrepentido (cambio su mente) fue a la viña de su señor, el Segundo quien dijo " iré pero no fue, se quedó sin el honor, sin las bendiciones y sin complacer el corazón de su padre.

Realmente Dios quiere una respuesta completa: "Del corazón, de la boca y de la determinación en hacer su voluntad".

No es una promesa ligera sin corazón, sino una respuesta sincera, entregada y dependiente de Su gracia y poder. Una respuesta de asombro, como la que mostró Zaqueo cuando Jesús lo llamó. Sorprendido y asombrado de la gracia de Jesús, aceptó la invitación del Señor y finalmente termino confesando su vida y cambiando sus caminos.

Vamos a decir "Si, Señor" a nuestro Salvador Jesucristo: Vamos, y trabajemos en su viña, mientras nuestro corazón se abre en obediencia para recibir su voluntad y su gracia en la unción, poder, sabiduría, protection, amor y así caminar con El.

Dejemos que las aguas de Su Palabra y su presencia rieguen la semilla sembrada en nuestro corazón a fin de que siempre estén germinando, creciendo y produciendo la cosecha de frutos abundantes que honren a El y traigan bendición al reino de Dios. Digamos Sí Señor a todo lo que nos diga: hagamos lo que El desea. Su voluntad es buena, agradable y perfecta. **Romanos 12:2**.

NOTICIAS

RETIRO MATRIMONIAL PARA PASTORES Y SUS ESPOSAS. Esten pendientes de nuestro primer retiro matrimonial para los pastores con sus esposas. Nuestra meta es enriquecer los matrimonios pastorales y fortalecerlos con este evento. Será el 22 y 23 de octubre del 2004.

CLASES DE ENTRENAMIENTO PARA PASTORES Y LIDERES. Nuestro próximo y último entrenamiento de este año será el 29 y 30 de octubre del 2004, en Falcon. Nuestro tema en esta ocasión es acerca del Discípulado. La enseñanza está enfocada en temas, programas, estrategias y materiales del discípulado en nuestras iglesias locales.

PRIMERA CONVENCION HISPANA. Un evento en el que podremos reunirnos todas las iglesias para adorar, ser ministrados y fortalecernos para nuestra tarea en el Señor. La fecha será el 5 y 6 de octubre en Falcon.

LLEVANDO LA CARGA EN ORACION

Recuerde siempre en sus oraciones personales y en la congregación a nuestros líderes, pidiendo fortaleza, sabiduría y gracia para hacer en el poder de Dios el trabajo que se les ha encomendado. Recuerde a los hermanos Chris Thompson nuestro superintendente , y todos los que dirigen los diferentes departamentos de la Conferencia.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Missions Trip to Ukraine

I want to use this month's Missions segment of our allotted space to recount to you the exciting and valuable trip that the World Missions Board, of which I am honored to be a part, took from July 19-26. The first leg of the trip was to Kiev, Ukraine, a city of 4,000,000 people. Ukraine was part of the former Soviet Union and, in fact, was labeled as the "breadbasket" of the Soviet Union. Ukraine is slightly smaller than the state of Texas, with population of 49 million. It became officially independent of the Soviet Union in August 1991.

The visit was valuable in that we (IPHC) used it as an opportunity to strengthen our ties and support for Pastor Valery Reshetinsky and his congregation, Christian Hope Church, and the powerful work they are doing in Ukraine and the surrounding countries that were also members of the Soviet Union. Pastor Reshetinsky has a powerful vision and a passionate love for his people and all the people of the former Soviet Union.

Valery was saved while still a member of the Communist regime and took quite a number of risks in holding on to his faith. He was a submarine engineer with quite a future in the Soviet Union. In 1991-92, when the Soviet Union was crumbling and fading, Valery responded to the call to preach and began his work at home in Ukraine in the capital city of Kiev. He started his first church twelve years ago with fifteen people.

To date, he and Christian Hope Church have planted 110 churches all across Ukraine and are even at work in the southern area of the nation on the Crimean Peninsula among the Muslims. Christian Hope Church is truly an Antioch Model Church (Acts 13). His broader vision is to send missionaries and establish churches in all of the nations of the once powerful Soviet Union.

The mother church has a complete missionary training center from which missionaries are sent out to all areas of Ukraine and the surrounding nations. The principal of the missionary school is former Soviet Air Force Major Valery Alymov, who relayed to us that if Americans had ever questioned whether nuclear missiles were aimed at the U.S., we should question no more, because they were.

One of the major obstacles Pastor Reshetinsky had to overcome is totally foreign to us in America: that Communism had effectively shielded two to three generations of people from any significant knowledge of and relationship with God. There was generally a spiritual vacuum; however, with conviction and vision, Valery set to work.

We also have to remember that since the people were so dependent on the government for every area of life, they were extremely impoverished; however, Ukraine began to establish itself, the people were open to the gospel, and Valery began to plant churches. His missionary goal is to reach all the former Soviet Provinces (now nations) with the gospel. He uses the church in Kiev as the "mother church" (Antioch Model) and from that entity began to branch out around the city and country.

Along with preaching the gospel, he and his people adopted humanitarian outreach as well. As they minister to people's spiritual needs, they minister to them by physical means. Following are just a few of the ministries they provide and use as tools to reach people for Christ: a medical clinic, an orphanage for street children, a drug facility for men and women, an in-home ministry for elderly invalids, a deaf teaching ministry. In fact, the drug recovery effort of Pastor Reshetinsky's church has been so successful that the Ukrainian government has asked the church to produce a written curriculum detailing their success, to be mirrored by the government.

In order to expand ministry and the kingdom, Pastor Valery and his people began to look for land and the opportunity to build or secure a structure from which to establish a resource center for the 3,000-member congregation to fulfill their vision. The Communist government had begun a massive three-story structure in downtown Kiev in the late '80s and had funneled $6 million into a sports training complex consisting of over 118,000 square feet on 6.2 acres of land. At the time of Communism's fall, the building was left unfinished and seemed to be going to waste. It sat for several years until Pastor Valery caught the burden to purchase the building; the price quoted by the Ukrainian government was $4 million, which was totally unacceptable. The Christian Hope church and Pastor Valery negotiated until the price was down to $800,000, which was still a great mountain since the church did not have that price either. WMM worked hand in hand with Pastor

Valery and contributed two Antioch Grants for $50,000 each, and with those and the people's determination, the building has been paid off in 1½ years.

To God be the glory, and thank God for the churches and people of the U.S. who give to the annual Global Outreach Offering to "Change Eternal Destinies."

In addition to the structure, Pastor Valery wanted a six-acre plot of land adjoining the complex as well, to expand to include a school and other facilities. The Ukrainian Mafia wanted that plot to build an apartment building, so the two groups vied for the property. After much fasting and prayer by the people of Christian Hope Church, the Mafia gave up its quest, and the government "gave" the land to the church – which is absolutely unheard of. What a miracle!

We worshiped with the church on Wednesday night in the unfinished complex with rigged lights and PA system. They were 700-800 strong; almost all of them had walked to the service. The anointing of the Holy Spirit was powerful throughout the service. As we sang, worshiped, and prayed together, I couldn't help but realize that in this building a little over 12 years ago, this service was neither possible nor allowed. A couple of the songs whose tunes I recognized were "There Is Power in the Blood" and "Our God Is an Awesome God." The people had such a joyful spirit and were warm and receptive.

Indeed we serve a mighty God, who is still raising up leaders like Pastor Valery who obey Him and establish great churches and great outreaches such as Christian Hope Church. The World Missions Board was indeed privileged to be in Ukraine to strengthen our partnership in ministry with Pastor Valery and Christian Hope Church.

The second leg of the trip took us to Berlin, where the Holy Spirit is doing great things; however, that account will have to wait until later.

Missions FEST

Pastors, please remember to come to one of the three Missions FESTs to be conducted October 14-16. Watch your mail.

Interest is growing, and registrations are building up to attend the "Churches Mothering Churches" workshop on Saturday, October 30, at 9:00 a.m. at the Whitley Church. The cost is $50 per church. I look forward to seeing you there.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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Out With the Old?

In a culture infatuated with newness, it is my fear that our seniors are being cast aside. This is very evident in our secular culture as well as in many circles of Christianity. According to a story by the BBC on July 2, a 108-year-old woman recently died, it was claimed, after she starved herself because she was unhappy about moving to a new care home. The family of Alice Knight said she lost the will to live and stopped eating after the move.

This problem is not only real in Britain, but it is also real in America, as well as around the world. The problem goes much deeper than the incident of an elderly person having to leave home to live in an assisted environment: the neglect begins much sooner in the elderly person's life.

There are three major arenas of life in which the elderly are most neglected:

(1) society, (2) families, and (3) the church.

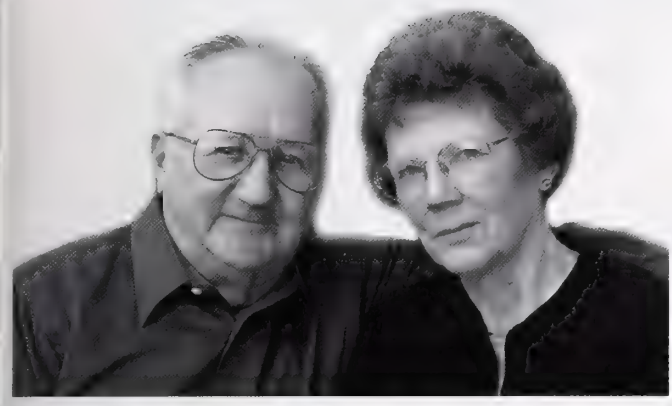
Society says that old people are seen as being of little economic worth, except for what they might leave behind when they die. In a results-oriented world, the elderly are regularly looked down upon or ignored because they are not seen as producing much.

Family matters also have contributed to the neglect of the elderly. There are perhaps many reasons for this, but I would like to suggest just a few. **First** is the matter of geographical distances. Families have been separated geographically in the pursuit of personal goals or economic survival. For many children, words like *granddad* and *grandma* have come to mean little more than distant voices at the other end of the telephone. **Second** is the matter of divorce. Broken families spell tragedy for senior citizens. The dreams and hopes that married couples build around their families can be shattered in old age by the divorce of one of their children. The implications, as they settle in to enjoy their golden years, can be dire. Suddenly the whole family is thrown out of joint, sometimes irreparably. The grandparent-grandchild relationship is immediately complicated when divorced couples with children remarry. **Third** is the matter of "life in the fast lane" vs. "caring for the elderly." Today's families are so busy keeping up with current trends and schedules that they seem to have little time to visit and share with the seniors in their lives.

Churches have also committed the crime of neglect when it comes to their senior citizens. A term that has emerged in many circles today is **Generation Gap**. While it is important for churches to recognize a culture that is different today, we must never overlook our past and must minister to the people who worked hard and made sure we had a work to accomplish today. Pastors and church leaders need to accommodate the seniors with ministries that will give them opportunities to use their God-given gifts and abilities. The goal should be "Bridging the Gap" rather than "Widening the Gap"!

What can you do about this problem? Good question ... *Minister*! Seek to minister to every senior in your congregation!

Prime Time Ministries says... "In With the Old" rather than "Out With the Old"! **November 10-13 is our annual Primetimers' trip! We are going to Florida to visit the Epcot Center and The Holy Land Experience. Make your plans to go! Please contact the CEM office and get the information.**



Primetimers' Retreat

November 10 – 13, 2004

Destination:
Orlando, Florida

A word from the Directors...

Yes, it's that time of year again! Time to plan for your trip with the Primetimers (Ages 50 and up) in the N.C. Conference. This is our third annual Primetimers' trip, and our dates are Wednesday, November 10 – Saturday, November 13, 2004.

This year's journey will take us to Orlando, Florida, to see the Holy Land Experience and also spend a day all around the world at Epcot at Disney World.

Greg Long and I can honestly say this is an event we look forward to all year long! The Primetimers' trip is a great time of fellowship, food (wouldn't be a P.H. trip without them!), and especially the dynamic word that is delivered by our guest speakers.

We have had dynamic speakers in the past, with L.B. Collins, King White, and Roland Harrell, but this year's speaker is at the top of all our pastors. He is the pastor to all the P.H. pastors. Our featured speaker is our own Bishop James Leggett. I look forward to the Bishop and Mrs. Faye joining us on this fantastic voyage!

This year we will charter only two buses for the trip, and they will leave at 8:00 a.m. on the 10th of November. We will have to operate on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of the trip this year, with an extra night's stay and the cost of gas going higher, has gone up.

The trip will cost $325 per person, with husband and wife being $600. The cost will include:

- The tour of the Holy Land Experience
- Entrance into Epcot at Disney World
- Three buffet breakfasts
- Three nights' lodging
- A few surprise goodies
- And the comfortable ride and great fellowship on our buses.

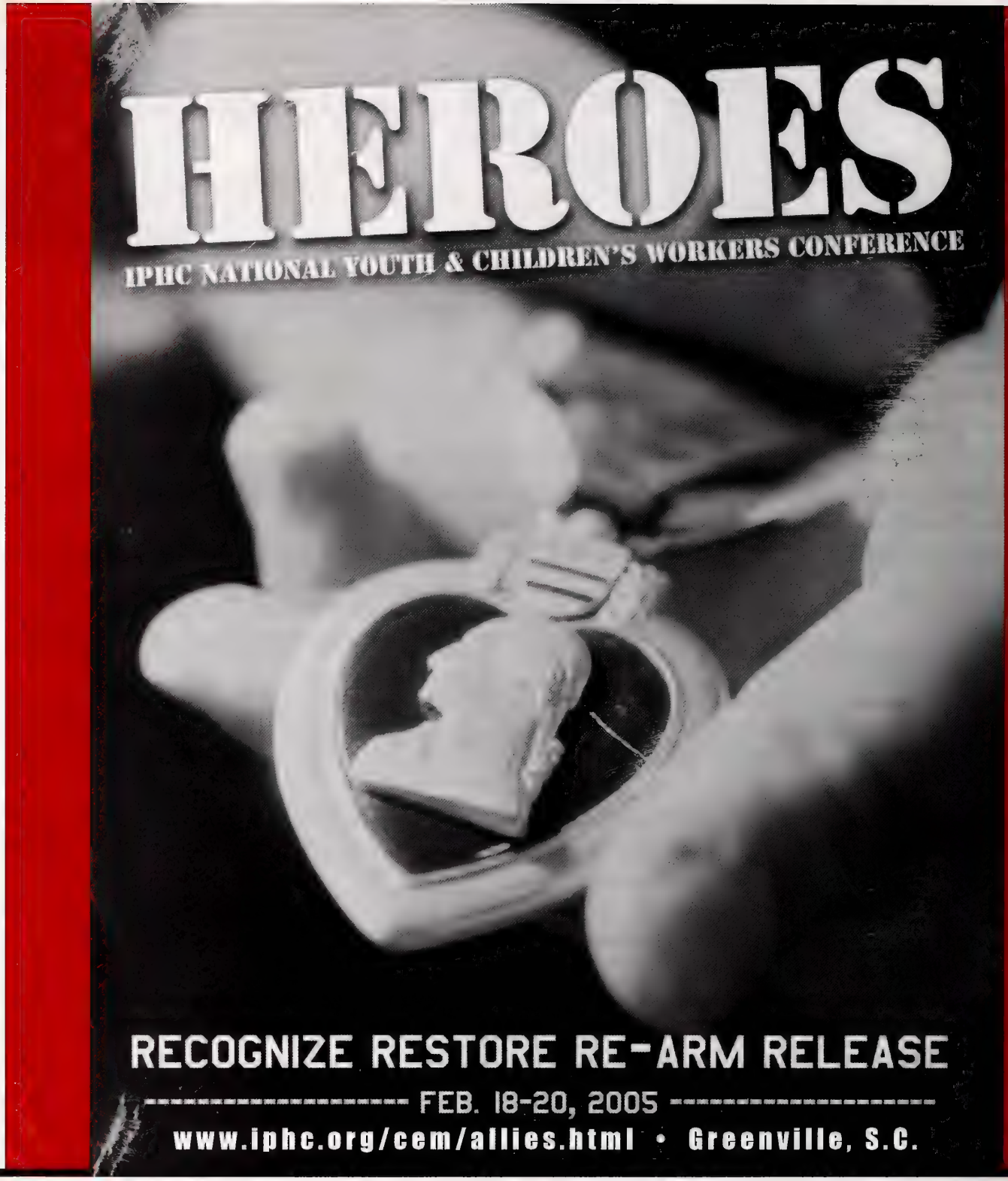
The first deposit of $125 will be due September 1, the second deposit of $100 will be due October 1, and the remaining balance will be due the day of the trip.

Refund policy is as follows: Full refund on cancellations up to October 10. After October 10, only half of first deposit's refund will be available, and after November 5, no refund will be issued.

This promises to be one of the highlight events of the year in the CEM Department, and we truly look forward to this years Primetimers' Retreat.

Don't miss out!

Rev. Charles Boyd, CEM Director
Rev. Greg Long, Prime Ministries Director



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"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

-Psalm 34:8

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

Why Do I Attend Sunday School?

Every Sunday morning, Betty and I leave home early enough to arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of Sunday school. We attend a different church every Sunday. Most Sundays we attend at least two churches and sometimes three. We arrive early for two reasons. First, I was taught to be always on time for church. Second, we desire to be present for Sunday school.

I have always loved Sunday school, from the days of Ludie Britt's preschool class, to teaching the young marrieds' class, to the present. Ludie Britt was a great teacher, and I enjoyed coloring the back of the "Little Friends for Jesus." By the time I was sixteen, I was teaching as an assistant teacher. By age eighteen, I was the teacher of the young marrieds' class and taught it during my years of college at N.C. State. I drove home every week from Raleigh to Manley Grove to teach. (Mom's fried chicken didn't hurt, either.) Can one imagine such a thing – a young married man teaching the young married couples full-time? They were most gracious to me.

I must attend Sunday school! I need the discipline of studying God's Word. The N.C. Conference has some great teachers. In preparations for the class, I study the quarterly and read the scriptures every week. I must admit I am very disappointed when a teacher rereads the quarterly to me.

I must attend Sunday school! I need the fellowship of fellow Christians. Betty and I certainly are limited in this area. We are only there for a Sunday. What a joy and privilege it is for those attendees who attend regularly. They get to build a support base for prayer, encouragement, etc. They get to "connect" with others of the same age and similar likes, tastes, etc. A good Sunday school class with proper organization can even effectively win the lost, as well as be a place where souls can be nurtured and led along.

I must attend Sunday school! Adults need to model the importance of church. Children and youth must see that adults love church and Sunday school. In most of our churches, the only small group setting is the Sunday school hour. Here is where real discipleship can occur. Questions can be asked and answered. Spiritual gifts may even be exercised. If adults do not value the Sunday school hour, then neither children nor youth will. If the classes are not wholesome, challenging, and motivational, then make changes. The class time can be the most exciting hour of church life.

I must attend Sunday school! Leadership should participate. I believe that leadership should raise the umbrella in all areas. I believe that when I attend Sunday school, the Lord blesses the Sunday school program. If I am lazy as superintendent, then the devil has an open door to attack. As pastor, I attended Sunday school. Most of the time, I was teaching classes – regular classes, new converts' classes, teacher training, and special issues classes.

I must attend Sunday school! I learn more about a church and church people in Sunday school than in any other opportunity I have. When people talk, they open doors to their lives, personalities, culture, and present atmosphere of the church. I learn better how to minister to them and how to communicate.

I personally believe that the best time for Sunday school is early Sunday mornings. If our culture and society have given us anything, it is freedom on Sunday morning. Only thirty percent of adults work on Sunday. Children are out of school. Colleges normally do not meet. This is a great time to study God's Word. My personal preference is to start early, have more time for worship, and then normally be out of church by lunch (dependent, of course, on the working of the Holy Spirit.)

It doesn't bother me anymore when teachers are intimidated by the presence of Betty and me. We are there to learn. We are there to hear God. We are there to pray. We are there to "connect." The Lord hears the teachers every Sunday. Who am I, compared to Him?

I have been attending Sunday school for over forty years. With the Lord's help, I plan to continue. I plan to be early, if at all possible. So churches that invite or expect Betty and me to be present on Sunday morning should be ready. We will be there before time to attend Sunday school. (We have on some occasions been the first ones present!)

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Mrs. Nellie Howard

Wife of Reverend O.T. Howard
August 10, 1910 – September 8, 2004

The funeral for Mrs. Nellie Howard was held on September 11, 2004, at the Greenville First Church. Pastor Paul Brafford and Reverend Frank Gentry officiated. Interment was in the Willowdale Cemetery in Goldsboro.

Sister Howard is survived by her children. There are two sons, M.J. ("Buddy") Howard and Thomas R. Howard. There are three daughters, Betty Jo Bailey, Rachel Sorrow, and Bonnie Simmerman. Her grandson, John, serves on the ministerial staff at Greenville First Pentecostal Holiness Church and is a member of the conference Church Education board. Her husband, Reverend O.T. Howard, died in 1995.

Nellie Howard served faithfully beside her ministerial husband. Together they served churches in Tarboro, Bear Grass, Roper, Whiteville, Clinton, Elizabethtown, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Greenville, and Wilson. Reverend Howard was the conference secretary for over thirty-five years.

This was one faithful pastor's wife. She was creative and committed to the cause of Christ. Early in my ministerial life, she was a blessing to Betty and me.

D. Chris Thompson
North Carolina Conference Superintendent

Reverend Thomas Edwin Bizzell

May 21, 1919 – September 19, 2004

Reverend Thomas E. ("Tom Ed") Bizzell, age 85, died peacefully at his home on a Sunday afternoon. He was born May 21, 1919, to the late Reverend Tom and Azzie Ado Worley Bizzell, and was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Lois Rachel Rogers Bizzell, and a daughter, Ruth Bizzell. Born in Johnston County, he was a farmer and a Pentecostal Holiness minister for 43 years. He pastored churches at Black Creek, Caraleigh, Selma, Bailey, Micro, Manley Grove, Clayton, and Jones Grove before being superannuated in 1985. He married Lois Rachel Rogers on September 28, 1940. She was a loving wife and mother and played a huge part in his ministry, staying beside him in every church he pastored and during his evangelizing. She sang the gospel, and he preached.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law Annette Holland, Betsy Woodard and husband, Benny, all of Princeton, Bonnie Outlaw and husband, Haywood, of Dudley, and Ginger Wheeler and husband, John, of Bethany, Oklahoma; sons and daughters-in-law Teeny Bizzell and wife, Janice, Sheriff Steve Bizzell and wife, Jennifer, and Tony Bizzell, all of Princeton; brothers, Obadiah Bizzell of Princeton, Pat Bizzell of Pine Level, and Gentry Bizzell of Selma; sisters Allene B. Johnson of Smithfield and Reba Bizzell of Raleigh; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

The funeral for Reverend Bizzell was held on September 22 at the Bizzell Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church. Burial was in the Bizzell family cemetery. Officiating ministers were Pastor Dwight Dunning, Assistant Superintendent Jimmy Whitfield, and Superintendent Chris Thompson. Reverend Wiley Clark sang and presented the Retired Ministers' medallion to the family at the cemetery.

I have known Tom Ed Bizzell all of my church life. He pastored my home church, Manley Grove, for some six years. I was away during this time pastoring myself. My family loved Tom Ed and Rachel. During his time, a parsonage was built. When it was ready, he resigned from the church, and a new pastor came and moved into the parsonage.

Brother Bizzell felt called to serve the smaller churches. He made his living by farming. He was a truck farmer, growing collards, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, and even pumpkins. Though a good farmer, his number one calling was to be a preacher. And preach he did for some sixty years.

This man was a great blessing to me. He would always come to hear me preach when I was close by. He and Sister Rachel were a source of great encouragement. He always had a good word.

Tom Ed Bizzell was a man of God. He will be greatly missed by the North Carolina Conference. May the Lord give us many more like him. May the Lord give us many more couples like Tom Ed and Rachel. They were a team. How they were used by God!

D. Chris Thompson
North Carolina Conference Superintendent

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Ten Best Practices: To Make Your Sunday School Work

Ken Hemphill and Bill Taylor. Nashville: Lifeway Press. 276 pages.

I believe in Sunday school: always have, always will. While some critics tell us that Sunday school has outlived its time, the challenges of the future necessitate that churchmen proceed to follow the first-century model of continuing in the apostles' doctrine. Traditional Sunday school as most of us know it from the past may require bold new solutions to make it more effective and meaningful in the 21st century.

The authors define Sunday school as the foundational strategy in a local church for leading people to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and for building on-mission Christians through open Bible study groups that engage people in evangelism, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, and worship. This does not mean that Sunday school must retain its name, start at 10:00 a.m., or be carried out as it has always been to prolong the life of the aging institution. What this definition implies, at least to the reviewer, is that Sunday school, or whatever name you may want to call the "foundational strategy," has strong merit for winning and growing disciples.

Hemphill and Taylor present ten best practices as follows: (1) Commit to the strategy, (2) Organize with purpose, (3) Build Kingdom leaders, (4) Develop soul winners, (5) Win the lost, (6) Assimilate people, (7) Partner with families, (8) Teach to transform, (9) Mobilize for ministry, and (10) Multiply leaders and units. These best practices did not appear mysteriously out of the thin night air. They have been tested and proven effective based on the successful teaching ministries of growing churches.

Veteran pastors know that the best strategy matters little if certain fundamentals are not present in the church. Practices on paper mean little if they are not practiced effectively. Successful Sunday school requires commitment by the people to the mission of Jesus Christ, the willingness of the people to work, and the quickening power of the Holy Spirit. If the hearts of the people are not in it, it will not work. If God isn't in it, it will not work. It takes God and His willing people to make the Sunday school work. Like Caleb, who possessed a different spirit, great achievement can be realized through the commitment of the believers and the power of God. The Lord can do what we cannot, but He expects us to do what we can.

Five strategic, timeless principles that undergird the suggested bold and best solutions to growing a Sunday school are presented. Effective practices based on solid biblical principles receive God's empowerment and blessing. The principles of foundational evangelism, foundational discipleship, family responsibility, spiritual transformation, and biblical leadership shall stand against the ravages of time until Jesus returns. No matter the name of the church or pastor, any church that

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claims to be a Bible church must have these foundational principles to maintain its integrity before the Lord. Since God's call upon the church has not changed, making disciples remains the primary function of the church today. The process of discipleship includes these five strategic principles. The true, timeless, transcultural reality is that God calls leaders to a prophetic ministry by hearing His voice and integrating His message into the lives of believers who are to proclaim His truth to the nations.

The book includes numerous charts and helpful information that explains the sense of the ten best practices. In addition, step-by-step procedures are provided to implement these practices. No doubt, this book would serve as a most helpful tool for Sunday school leaders.

It's Not About Me: Rescue From the Life We Thought Would Make Us Happy

Max Lucado. Nashville: Integrity Publishers. 173 pages.

In true Lucado style, this small book with big meaning offers relief from the 21st-century mentality of "Me-ism," or predominantly self-centered living. Effective communicators know that repeating something over and over becomes stale and boring, but if something true is said in a fresh way, it becomes interesting and refreshing. If you seek some exotic truth never heard before from the pages of this book, you will be disappointed. If you seek a new twist on old truth, you will likely be disappointed. But if you read this book for spiritual enrichment, you will find God's truth written in a delightfully refreshing way that will spawn wholesome and clean thoughts about human happiness, God's way.

As a rich resource of seed thoughts and timely quotes that will enhance any Sunday school lesson or sermon, Lucado tackles problematic issues such as legalism, selfishness, and success while at the same time presenting uplifting truths that are sure to bless and inspire. For example, Lucado wrote, "When our deepest desire is not the things of God, or a favor from God, but God Himself, we cross a threshold."

That statement alone could bring forth a great sermon series on what it means to love and worship God. Satan's issue with Job was that he served God because God was good to him. Stop the goodness, Satan said, and Job would curse God. God knew and Job later learned otherwise.

The central thread of truth that runs through the course of the book is that God, who created us, knows best what makes us happy on earth. He didn't make us to live for ourselves only. Happiness comes through loving God and giving Him glory in all things. It's not about what you want when you want it. It's all about God. The tragedy for many Americans today is that their lives have no ultimate source of meaning. They suppose life is all about themselves when in fact it is about God and His purposes. Men crave and lust, but they know not what for. They chase power and glory and position, but miss the meaning of life. Augustine, the Bishop of Hippo, understood well that life takes on its proper meaning when we begin to understand, appreciate, and love the transcendent and live for God's hope. He wrote, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in You." Why is that secret of true happiness so hard for so many to understand?

Lucado takes it one step further. God has called us not to a life of ease, but to a life of self-denial and suffering. The depths of life are found when we hurt and suffer. Do all born-again believers understand and engage in the fellowship of His present sufferings? God uses suffering to display His glory. Through struggle and even death, God can be seen, Lucado purports. Consider that through the crucibles of life, your handling trials and temptations wisely may cause someone to think more highly of your Father in heaven. Now, that is a most noble and joyous goal. (Read James 1:2-5.)

Wired to Work: Answering the Two Most Important Questions in Life

Vince D'Acchioli. Lafayette, Lousiana: Huntington House Publishers. 214 pages.

How am I wired? What are my natural areas of giftedness? Why am I here? What is God's purpose, vision for my life? What is my life's work? The book serves as a toolbox, answering these two questions related to the fact that every believer is uniquely equipped, or wired, with the appropriate gifts to fulfill his or her God-given purpose and that every believer has been called for a purpose, to go to work as a lifelong assignment from the Lord, and showing how these life-affirming issues can be implemented and practiced on a daily basis. The author challenges his readers to possess clarity of vision and dedication to Christian service as he has learned through personal experiences and the study of God's Word.

Designed around the methodology of transformational teaching, the simple format of the publication is made for group discussion. Discussion questions may be found at the end of each chapter, along with a new behavior commitment. The author strives to help others make life work in the way God intended in the beginning. If you are serious about fulfilling your God-given call by discovering His will and deploying your whole life into Christian service, then this book will help. It is especially recommended for young Christians struggling with these major life issues. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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Patsy's Paragraphs

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28-29)

Dear Women of God:

Thanksgiving – what a wonderful time of great food, family gatherings, and gratefulness for the favor of God. As we thank the Lord for His many blessings, I would like to invite each of you to be a part of the "**En**" Crowd.

First, be an "**En**courager" – *"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).* Many of our women just need someone to encourage them along. Be an extension of God's love. You might even consider inviting them to Thanksgiving dinner.

Second, "**En**large" your territory – *"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." (Isaiah 54:2)* I believe the Lord wants us to move out of our "comfort zones" and find new ways to reach folks in our churches and communities. Don't be afraid to enlarge your faith! Seek the Lord for wisdom and direction.

Third, "**En**rich" your life by allowing the Lord to use you. *"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly" (Psalms 65:9).* No matter how hard you try, you cannot outgive God. As you bless others, He has promised to bless you.

I leave you with this last scripture: *"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be **en**lightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe" (Ephesians 1:18-19, emphasis added).*

May you continue to be a blessing to everyone in your world, and remember: *"Together we can make a difference."* From our home to yours, have a Happy Thanksgiving!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

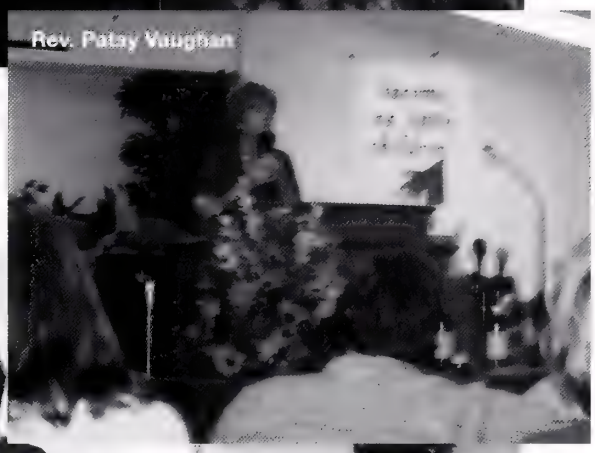
Potpourri...

- **Don't peel your apples ... the extra fiber is good for you.**
- **When storing silver jewelry, try placing it in a zip baggie. Keeping silver away from the air helps keep it from tarnishing.**
- **Does anyone have squeaky floors? Sprinkle talcum powder or drip some glue in the cracks – should stop that annoying noise!**
- **Believe it or not, you will increase your light output by 50% just by dusting off your light bulbs!**
- **Drop an egg on the floor? Sprinkle it with salt; it should come up easily!**

"Fall Refreshing"

Graham Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church was the setting for the Morehead City Women's Ministries District Rally on Saturday, September 18. District Director Gale Taylor welcomed the ladies to this rally. Mrs. Debbie Lewis and Melodie Parnell from the Smyrna P.H. Church led the group in Praise and Worship. Mrs. Patsy Vaughan, pastor of the Vanceboro P.H. Church, was the guest speaker. Rev. Vaughan blessed us with the timely message, "It's Time to Straighten Up." She used the scripture text from Luke 13:10-12. The Lord blessed those in attendance. After the service, we met in the fellowship hall for food and fellowship. Thank you, Gale and the Graham Memorial Women's Ministries, for doing an outstanding job!

Mrs. Debbie Lewis and Melodie Parnell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"Partners in Ministry"

Remembering the Men's Advance

Did you miss out on the Men's Advance in September? If so, please let me share with you what a wonderful weekend we enjoyed. If you attended, this article will remind you of the great time we had in God!

As our custom is, we started on Friday with a **golf tournament** that took place at King's Grant Country Club in Fayetteville. **Chris Manning** headed up the tournament, and it was absolutely great! Thanks from all of us, Chris, for a job well done! Sixty-two men enjoyed a super day of golf and Christian fellowship, with a few prizes thrown in to keep it interesting!

After an exhilarating day on the course, we gathered in Falcon ready to fellowship and worship God. The praise band from **Graceway Fellowship in Robersonville** led us in praise and worship music. Thank you, guys, for allowing the Holy Spirit to use you in such a mighty way!

Brother Chris Thompson stepped up to the podium and welcomed all the men into the presence of God. God moved in a powerful way: men were praising, worshiping, and seeking God with all their might.

Our special guest of the evening, **Brother Larry Jackson**, stepped forward and began speaking to the men the words that God had placed upon his heart. He spoke encouraging words about how to be real men of God, how to be the heads in our homes, our churches, our work places, and everywhere we are that God has called us to be.

Brother Larry reached deep into our hearts and caused us to realize just how important we are in the kingdom of God. God continued to stir in our hearts as we returned the next morning and resumed worshiping and praising our holy God together. Brother Larry gave a tremendous exhortation from God. As the 125 men in attendance left Falcon, they were not the same as when they arrived. We serve a mighty God, and our prayers are that every man who attended and who reads this testimony of the weekend will be drawn closer to God.

Blessings to all!
Ronnie Basden

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Biblical Answers to Spiritual Warfare Questions

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Strongman's His Name II
by Drs. Jerry and Carol Robeson

Introduction

As ministers and pastors, we don't always have the time to baby along 50, 100, 1000, 3000, etc., new converts or believers. So we need to develop new methods of teaching the new ones and the believers to fend for themselves in spiritual matters. For instance, after giving them thorough instruction concerning divine healing, we need to instruct them, "If you get sick, don't always depend on calling the pastor, a friend, or others to pray; you need to learn to pray for yourself." **Your faith is as effective as theirs.** So just believe what God's Word says and receive it by faith.

Once the new converts and believers realize the power and authority they have in God's Word, they will start looking for other sick people to pray for. And God is faithful to heal them also as they believe and receive by faith the Word of God.

As believers, we need to find freedom in our lives without having to rely on other people to do for us what we should be doing for ourselves to receive our deliverance.

It is time for the laity to share in the battle with the leadership instead of depending on pastors and spiritual leaders to do it all for them.

We understand also that there are those who are so bound or even demon-possessed that they are unable to receive freedom without assistance; their need for in-depth deliverance is understandable.

The underlying problem, we discovered for those who are overly dependent on others to receive deliverance, is a faith problem.

These are six types of difficulties in making steps of faith. The Holy Spirit and the Word of God usually speak to them about their difficulty, but they

1. Don't recognize it as the Holy Spirit.
2. Are fearful of the reactions of people around them if they follow the direction of God.
3. Feel unqualified to confront the devil and take authority over him.
4. Don't want to give up what has caused the problem, and are looking for someone to tell them it is all right to continue living as they are.
5. Have given in to discouragement and believe what the devil tells them about the situation.
6. Have not put into practice in their lives what God has to say about the situation.

God has provided for our every need, but it is our responsibility to meet whatever conditions He demands in His Word so that we can receive His promises.

Christians must believe God's Word more than anything else if they truly desire to have victory in their lives. The problem will not disappear until you symbolically grab the "horns" of your problem by faith in God's Word and deal with them correctly.

Problems will get worse if you:

1. Wish that they would go away.
2. Blame others for them.
3. Get angry at God or people in the body of Christ.
4. Make excuses for them.

There is distress in the world. Luke 21: 25, 26 says, "There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken."

We must stop playing games and get serious about serving God. When we do, God will do everything He has promised in His Word.

14 Things to Pray and Think About

1. We are more than conquerors – Romans 8:37.
2. Perilous days will show the power of God – 2 Timothy 3:1,17.
3. We will not be impatient – Philippians 4:6.
4. Spiritual warfare is conducted in the spiritual realm – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.
5. Spiritual warfare doesn't happen instantly in the physical realm – 2 Corinthians 10:4.
6. Spiritual warfare takes time to manifest itself from the spiritual realm to our natural eyes – Hebrews 11:1, Romans 10:17.
7. Spiritual warfare involves faith in God – Galatians 3:11.
8. Faith is where the breakdown occurs when people have difficulties in spiritual warfare – Luke 18:8.
9. Faulty habit patterns collide with the way God says we must live – Matthew 5:48; 2 Corinthians 7:1.
10. Getting our habit patterns straightened out takes time – Colossians 2:10, 11.
11. God does His part in the situation, and we must walk it out with the help of the Holy Spirit day by day – Colossians 2:14, 15.
12. We must apply God's Word consistently to the problem areas of our life until the walls of our spiritual defense system are strong enough to withstand the battering ram of the devil's deception – James 1:22.
13. There is no place in spiritual warfare for laziness – Proverbs 6:6-8.
14. There is no waving a magic wand by praying a prayer over our situation. We must be faithful to do our part in the situation: pray, read the Bible, resist the devil in the name of Jesus, loose or allow the Holy Spirit to do His will in our lives, live in obedience to God's Word, receive God's promises by faith – Ephesians 6:10-14.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Siendo Efectivos Por Los Cambios Realizados

El otoño es una época que me gusta mucho, especialmente por los colores y matices que obtienen los árboles y los vientos frescos que se empiezan a sentir después del verano cálido. Los cambios que veo en los árboles, el ambiente y otros elementos de la naturaleza, me recuerdan que muchas cosas no pueden ni deben estar estáticas, los cambios son necesarios para el progreso, avance y funcionamiento normal de muchas cosas.

Los cambios los vemos también en nuestra sociedad casi cada día; las cosas no son como antes, ni siquiera como hace unos meses. Cada miembro y ministro de la iglesia no debe ni puede ignorar o pasar por alto esta realidad. A la par de esos cambios debemos de entender que para hacer un impacto y ser efectivos; también se requiere que estemos dispuestos a cambiar, a arriesgar y soñar descansando en el poder de Dios.

Jesús dijo a sus discípulos "...alzad vuestros ojos y mirad los campos..." (**Juan 4:35**). Si levantamos nuestra mirada para ver los campos de multitudes, vamos a encontrar que las multitudes no solo estan abiertas al evangelio, sino que también hay grandes cambios dentro de ellas, por lo tanto nuestros programas y métodos para alcanzarlos deben también cambiar, haciéndolos relevantes y efectivos para obtener los resultados que deseamos y estamos esperando.

No olvidemos nunca que no operamos en el poder humano, y que nuestros métodos no vienen sólo de la habilidad del hombre. La tarea no podrá llevarse a cabo mediante la fuerza humana, ni en el poder de la riqueza. "...No con ejercito, ni con fuerza, sino con mi espíritu, ha dicho Jehová de los ejercitos" (**Zacarías 4:6**).

El apostol Pablo se aseguró que su trabajo tuviera el impacto necesario para tocar y alcanzar las multitudes en diferentes lugares, diciéndolo de esta manera: "...y ni mi palabra ni mi predicación fue con palabras persuasivas de humana sabiduría, sino con demostración del Espíritu y de poder..." (**1 Corintios 2:4**). Ver también (**Romanos 15:19 y 1 Corintios 4:20**).

¿Por qué digo que Pablo se aseguró? Porque el sabía que Dios había prometido ungirlo con poder y capacitarlo para llevar a cabo la tarea. Pero debido también a que es la promesa de Dios de llenarnos de su Espíritu y poder para ser ministros ungidos; al igual que Pablo necesitamos asegurarnos de operar bajo esa unción y poder y para lograr eso debemos estar dispuestos a cambiar. ¿Pero a cambiar que? se preguntará alguien. Permítame decir que en dos maneras: la forma en que estamos haciendo las cosas y nuestra vida personal.

En el pasaje de **Filipenses 3:12-15** el apostol Pablo hace una declaración poderosa, en la cual no muestra ninguna evidencia de quedarse estático o permanecer en un mismo estado. Lo notamos en las palabras que el usa: "prosigo", "olvidando ciertamente lo que queda atrás", "extendiéndome". Esto debe ser aplicado en las dos áreas que he mencionado. No nos quedemos atrás con una vida personal que no se renueva cada día y la renovación de nuestros métodos y formas de trabajar en la obra de Dios.

Dios nos llamó no para que nos quedemos en la "complacencia de las cosas", sino para movernos a la acción.

Permítame explicar lo primero. Cuando nos sentimos muy cómodos con la forma de las cosas, con eso nos podemos sentir tan satisfechos que no deseamos movernos de ahí. En algunas áreas de la vida, eso es positivo, pero no en nuestra relación personal con Dios ni en la obra del Señor; en ámbas áreas tenemos que estar despiertos, guerrear, avanzar y listos para conquistar siempre algo más.

No estamos aquí sobreviviendo, sino para cumplir un propósito y una misión. No podemos perder nuestra efectividad como iglesia y como ministros en alcanzar nuestras comunidades para Dios.

Debemos de saber que si no estamos dispuestos a cambiar, podemos perder nuestra efectividad y hasta morir. Necesitamos ser sensibles a los cambios que estan sucediendo a nuestro alrededor y la necesidad personal que tenemos de cambiar.

Los cambios vienen con riesgos, pero debemos estar dispuestos a pagar el precio por hacer las cosas mejor de lo que estamos haciendo y nosotros mismos ser mejores. Podemos lograrlo mediante la potencia de Dios en nosotros. "...Para lo cual también trabajo, luchando

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Being Effective by Making Changes

Autumn is a time that I like very much, especially the colors and shades the trees turn, and the fresh winds that begin to blow after the warm summer. The changes I see in the trees, the atmosphere, and other elements of nature remind me that many things neither can nor should be static; changes are necessary for the progress, advance, and normal operation of many things.

We see changes also in our society almost every day; things are not as they were before, not even some months ago. No member and minister of the church can ignore this reality. Besides those changes, we should understand that in order to make an impact and be effective, we also are required to be willing to change, to risk and dream, resting in the power of God.

Jesus said to his disciples, "...Open your eyes and look at the fields ..." (**John 4:35**). If we lift our eyes in order to see the fields of multitudes, we will find that not only are the multitudes open to the gospel, but also there are big changes inside them; therefore, to reach them, our programs and methods also need to change; we need to make them excellent and effective in order to obtain the results we want and are waiting for.

We should never forget that we do not operate by human power, and our methods don't come only from the ability of man. The task won't be carried out by means of human force, neither by the power of wealth. "...Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty" (**Zechariah 4:6**).

The apostle Paul was sure that his work had the impact necessary to touch and reach the multitudes in several places, saying, "... My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power..." (**1 Corinthians 2:4**; also see **Romans 15:19**; **1 Corinthians 4:20**).

Why do I say that Paul was sure? – because he knew that God had promised to anoint him with power to be able to carry out the task. But also because it is the promise of God to fill us with his Spirit to make us able to be anointed ministers; the same as Paul, we need to be assured of operating under that unction and power, and in order to achieve that, we should be willing to change. But to change what? somebody will wonder. Let me answer that in two ways: the form in which we are doing things, and our personal lives.

In **Philippians 3:12-15**, the apostle Paul makes a powerful declaration, in which he shows evidence that he is not staying static, or remaining in the same state. We notice it in these words: "I press on," "forgetting what is behind," and "straining toward what is ahead." This should be applied in the two areas I mentioned: Don't stay behind in a personal life that is not renewed every day, and do renew your methods and forms of working in the work of God.

God called us not to stay in the "complacency of things," but in order to move us to action.

Let me explain. When we feel very comfortable with the form of things, we could feel ourselves so satisfied that we do not want to move from there. In some areas of life, that is positive, but not in our personal relationship with God, nor in the work of the Lord. In both areas we have to be awake, at war, ready always to advance and conquer something more.

We are not here to survive, but to complete a purpose and a mission. We must not lose our effectiveness as a church and as ministers in reaching our communities for God.

We should know that if we are not willing to change, we could lose our effectiveness and die. We need to be sensitive to changes that are happening in our surroundings, and to the personal necessity of change.

Changes come with risks, but we should be willing to pay the price by improving both the things we are doing and ourselves. We can achieve this by the power of God in us. "... I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me" (**Colossians 1:29**).

There is a difference between the good and the best; our choice should always be for the best. Nothing in life is ever achieved without risking something. We should dream, because dreaming is the ability to see beyond today. It is the capacity to anticipate the future. Effective ministry is built on anticipation rather than reaction. Leaders without a dream are purposeless.

Proverbs 29:18 teaches that if there is not one clear focus, there will be confusion. The point is not to be busy, but to be effective. Much of what we are doing does not produce fruit and the appropriate impact. Some reasons for this are:

We fail to make changes.
We fail to take risks.
We fail to dream (to have a clear vision of what we want)
We fail to operate in the power of God (this power comes from a daily walk with God).

Let's go, and move with the cloud of God, be in the place where the Lord is moving, examine what we are doing, and make the necessary changes. We must also permit the Lord to examine us and be willing to renovate ourselves and make the personal changes that are needed (Psalm 139:23).

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Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Thoughts on Thankfulness

As I sit here preparing this article, my heart and mind are flooded with thoughts of the goodness of God. I have saved space to make the readers aware of several items to remember that are coming up in the months and year ahead; however, it is time to pause and reminisce about this past year.

About the end of September, I was in a major retail store looking for a garden item. As I went to the garden area, lo and behold! the area was packed with Christmas items from the floor upward to the tops of the shelves. Lost in the shuffle of the upcoming festive season, the spirit and celebration of Thanksgiving is somewhat overshadowed. I realize more and more what Paul meant in 2 Timothy 3:2, when he said that one of the attitudes/signs of the end-time would be unthankfulness. As Christians and Americans, we have a wealth of things for which to be thankful. At the end of a chapter in which he talks about our inability to outgive God, Paul concludes the paragraph by reminding us of God's gift by saying, ***"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift"*** (2 Cor. 9:15).

In spite of trying times, I am challenged by the exhortation in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." In spite of every set of circumstances or predicament, you and I are to be thankful and verbalize thanks to God. First, I thank God for the blessing and privilege of life (existence) itself. I woke up this morning! I was able to see the first fingers of the sun's rays as they pierced the darkness of the night and brightened the horizon. I heard the birds chiming together to announce a new day. How true the promise to Noah in Genesis 8:22: ***"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."*** Great is His faithfulness!

Second, not only am I thankful for existence; I am thankful that I can have a personal relationship and fellowship with my maker. The creator of this universe and of this "speck" called earth is not an impersonal God. *He loves me,* for His nature is love. When we sinned in the garden through Adam and Eve – for they brought disobedience, sin, and failure to all mankind – God could have closed the book on us, yet He did not. In eternity He knew that man would fail, so in eternity He determined that the plan of Salvation would be offered to all of humanity. We fell into sin, but ***"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*** Through the sacrifice and work of Jesus Christ at Calvary, we have the privilege and opportunity to experience forgiveness, justification, sanctification, and the glorious gift of eternal life.

Third, I thank God for my wife and my family. I believe that God prepared a woman especially for me and brought us together; we are united as

one in marriage, and we are equal as partners in ministry. I thank God for her because she is my closest friend as well as my "helpmeet" for life. I am honored to say that I love my wife with all my heart and am devoted to her and thank God for her. I am also thankful for a daughter and son-in-law and a son and soon-to-be-daughter-in-law and a beautiful granddaughter. I am thankful for godly parents, who laid the foundation in my infancy and childhood years that paved the way to salvation. I give thanks for godly in-laws, who love me and have greatly contributed to my life. I thank God for all my family and their contributions to my life.

Fourth, I am truly thankful for the call to preach and minister that was placed on my life at the age of 14 at Falcon Youth Camp. So often I have wondered why, and then the answer comes: it's not because of my talents, skills, or abilities; it was the sovereignty of God that brought the call into my life. What a privilege to serve and labor in His harvest field! I relish, cherish, and have learned and grown from every ministry experience. I am shamed by the thoughts that there were times when I've failed miserably; however, the call and charge were not removed; He just challenged me to "get up, brush off, set your bearings, and keep on."

There is much more to be thankful for, yet for time and space, I cannot name it all. I am thankful to be an American. When I hear Americans denigrate, constantly criticize, and talk about how awful a country this is, it frankly angers me; and it humbles me because I could have easily (in His sovereignty) been born in Somalia, Russia, China, or some unreached country. Yet, in His sovereignty, I was born here. So the next time you're tempted to complain with your mouth full or while driving a new or newer car, or sitting in church on Sunday morning, or in your youth group, or just enjoying a Snickers bar, stop and think: ***"In everything give thanks."***

Evangelism/World Missions Upcoming Events – Things to Remember:

Our conference theme for 2005 is "Yes, Lord."

- Evangelism/World Missions Ministries theme verse for 2005 is Luke 5:5.
- Ministers and spouses, remember district Christmas parties; your director will contact you.
- Missions Stars of Achievement: the 8th star is available for 2004, earned by supporting Operation Timothy or National Missionary Ministry.
- Great Commission (Missions) Meals: January 20 – February 2, 2005.
- Model Church Strategy: April – September 2005.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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Talent Quest

"Good afternoon, my name is John Howard, representing Region 1-A, the North Carolina Conference, the Greenville District. We are the Greenville First Pentecostal Holiness Church Ensemble, and we will be playing...." Wow! That's a lot for a young person to say in front of hundreds of people at national talent finals. I look back on my days of participating in what we called "Teen Talent" and thank God for the wonderful memories and the people I have met all over the country. My career in ministry has been shaped by my days as a participant in the Talent Quest program. I am privileged to have been a participant and, most recently, a judge on all levels. Many former participants are now in full- and part-time ministry, developing and training young people to continue in Talent Quest and ultimately serve in local churches as Fine Arts Ministry leaders.

Talent Quest gives our young people the opportunity to display their God-given fine arts talents to a variety of audiences, from the local church to the national talent finals stage. "The primary focus of the National Talent Quest Ministry is to give our youth the opportunity to discover, develop, and deploy their God-given talents and acquired skills for active ministry in fulfilling the Great Commission and thus glorifying God" (quoted from www.iphc.org/cem/tquest.html).

Talent Quest is in two primary age groups, Junior and Teen. To participate as a junior, a child must be at least 8 years old and no older than 12 years on January 15 of the participating year. Teens must be at least 13 years old and no older than 19 on January 15 of the participating year. You may find the complete Talent Quest rulebook by logging onto www.iphc.org and going to Church Education Ministries.

Mark your calendars for January 3-4 and 10-11, 2005, for special workshops detailing the National Talent Quest program.

I look forward to serving you over the next few years. If you have any questions, please contact me at jhoward@greenvillefirst.org.

– John Howard, CEM Board Member

CEM WORKSHOPS 2005

January 3, 2005
Kinston First PH

January 4, 2005
Living Faith PH

January 10, 2005
Benson PH

January 11, 2005
Lumberton First PH

Please attend the CEM Workshop closest to your Talent Zone. We look forward to seeing you there.

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según la potencia de él, la cual actúa poderosamente en mí" **(1 Tes. 1:29)**.

Hay una diferencia entre lo bueno y lo mejor, nuestra escogencia siempre debe ser por lo mejor. Nada en la vida se logra sin arriesgar algo. Debemos de soñar, porque soñar es la habilidad de ver más allá del hoy. Es la capacidad de anticipar el futuro. El ministerio eficaz se edifica en la anticipación en vez de la reacción. Los líderes sin un sueño, viven sin propósito.

Proverbios 29:18 no enseña que si no hay un enfoque claro, lo que habrá es confusión. No es el hecho de estar ocupados, sino de ser efectivos. Mucho de lo que podemos estar haciendo, puede que no esté produciendo los frutos y el impacto apropiado. Algunas razones de esto son:

Los líderes estamos fallando en hacer cambios.

Estamos fallando en tomar el riesgo.

Estamos fallando en soñar (una visión clara de lo que deseamos).

Estamos fallando en operar en el poder de Dios (este poder viene de un caminar diario con Dios).

Vamos, levantémonos y movámonos con la nube de Dios; estemos en el lugar donde el Señor se está moviendo. Examinemos lo que estamos haciendo y hagamos los cambios necesarios. También permitamos que el Señor nos examine y estemos dispuestos a renovarnos y hacer los cambios personales que se necesitan **(Salmo 139:23)**.

Ayudenme, Orando Por Mi

Esto fue lo que dijo Pablo en **Romanos 15:30**.

Ayudamos a los demás cuando oramos por ellos, asi que deseamos presentar nuestras oraciones a favor por:

- Los líderes de nuestra Conferencia que nos dirigen.
- Los pastores y familias anglo.
- Los pastores y familias hispanas.
- Muy especialmente por Marlene la esposa del pastor Alfredo Vargas.
- Por Henry Cantarero y su familia que están viniendo.
- Por el proyecto de INE (Instituto Nacional de Entrenamiento) en North Carolina.
- Las nuevas iglesias que se están plantando.

Noticias

Noviembre 10 a las 6:00 p.m. en Falcon: Próxima reunión con el comité de liderazgo hispano para recibir obreros que estan aplicando para credenciales.

Noviembre 17 a las 6:00 p.m. en Benson: Reunión del superintendente con los pastores y esposas.

Diciembre 8 a las 7:00 p.m. en Falcon: Fiesta de navidad con los pastores y esposas.

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Help Me, Praying for Me

This is what Paul said in Romans 15:30. We help others when we pray for them, so let's pray for:

- The leaders of our conference.
- The Anglo pastors and their families.
- The Hispanic pastors and their families.
- Marlene, the wife of Pastor Alfredo Vargas.
- Henry Cantarero and his family who are coming.
- The project of INE (National Training Institute) in North Carolina.
- The new churches we are planting.

News

November 10, 6:00 p.m. in Falcon: Next meeting with the Leadership Hispanic Committee to receive ministers who are applying for credentials.

November 17, 6:00 p.m. in Benson: Meeting with the superintendent for pastors and wives.

December 8, 7:00 p.m. in Falcon: Christmas party with pastors and their wives.

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Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

Three Defining Moments!

During the last week of October, three training events that have the potential to transform the North Carolina Conference were sponsored by the conference. These were the Crown Financial Ministries Training, the regular bimonthly Hispanic Training, and the Churches Mothering Churches Training. All three were well attended and filled with the Spirit's anointing.

The Crown Financial Ministries training was led by Stewardship Officer Reverend Roland Harrell. Three other small-group leaders assisted him. These were Superintendent Chris Thompson, Sandra Coker of the South Carolina Conference office staff, and James Mabe of Fayetteville. Some 50 individuals completed the pre-work, attended the sessions, and earned their training certificates.

Those trained will return home and train other trainers and then begin small group sessions in the local churches. The local training sessions will last ten weeks. The whole purpose is to understand and experience biblical financial accountability.

Believe it or not, the Bible speaks more about money than most other subjects. Some 2,350-plus verses speak of finances. The truth is not that 10 percent belongs to God, but that it *all* belongs to God.

Those who complete the financial training reduce their debt by $20,000 within three years. They will increase their savings by an average of $10,000 within three years. Their church giving, on the average, will increase 50 percent within the three years after completion of the course. Many will be debt free within 20 years.

Reverend Ed Wood, General Stewardship officer of Oklahoma City, has challenged the churches to teach the Crown Program to 10 percent of the church membership by General Conference. This is a most challenging goal, but it can be done.

This program can make a powerful difference in available funds to ministry as His children become more obedient in ministry.

On Friday and Saturday night, Reverend Luis Avila, Hispanic supervisor, conducted the bimonthly Hispanic training. Some 125-plus were in attendance. The emphasis was on discipleship.

Reverend Abel Polomo was the primary speaker to the pastors and church leaders. He is one of the IPHC Hispanic leaders from Maryland. He did a fantastic job.

Other speakers spoke to the other adults and youth who were present. Their theme was discipleship as well. These were our own men. These were José Serrano of Clinton, Abraham Rodriquez of Greenville, and Fernando Angulo of Dunn.

The Hispanic Ministries are exploding with growth. Reverend Avila and Brother Danny Nelson are doing a fantastic job in planting new Hispanic churches. We presently have 35. These two good men have 16 new ones on the agenda for next year. The Lord is at work.

Our Hispanic people come to us from many cultural backgrounds. They come from many different nations. They must be trained. They are becoming a marching army for the Lord.

On Saturday at the Whitley Church, Evangelism Director Danny Nelson hosted a special seminar about churches mothering new churches. He brought in Dr. Owen Weston from Oklahoma City as instructor. Owen Weston is a gift of God to the body of Christ and to the IPHC. He has been most instrumental in helping the IPHC plant more churches.

Danny and I are committed to planting more churches within the North Carolina Conference. It is a proven fact that new churches reach the lost more effectively for the Lord.

Note these facts:

- A 50-year-old church averages one soul saved per 90 members per year.
- A 10-year-old church averages one convert per seven members/year.
- A 3-year-old church averages one convert per three members/year.

These are staggering statistics.

The best way to plant new churches is for local churches to mother them purposefully. Every town needs several different IPHC churches. Yes, their doctrine will be the same. However their worship styles, their evangelism styles, their outreach styles, etc., may all be different. Their target groups can vary greatly. People need choices. They are ever so different. We worship the same God and read the same Bible, yet our choices of music, preaching styles, etc. can be very different.

In the next few years, some major challenges face the conference – some of these include budget cuts (the conference budget will drop by $750,000 per year in four years from loss of local church allocations), a growing number of superannuated ministers (retirement funds need to be increased), a need for new employees at the RDC, a need for young leaders to be trained and deployed, a need for RDC facilities to be continually maintained and expanded, and so it goes. These three areas mentioned are just three of the avenues to meet these challenges. May the Lord help us!

God is at work!

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James 1:18

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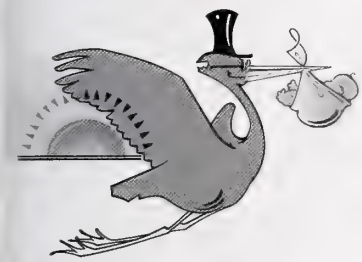

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Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Finishing Well: What People Who Really Live Do Differently!

Bob Buford. Nashville: Integrity Publishers.
296 pages.

Gerontologists tell us that Americans are living longer than ever before because of improved health care, better diets, and the emphasis on physical fitness. With this in mind, it becomes necessary for this generation to rethink the later years of life in terms of personal goals and ambitions. Who is able to finish well by looking back all the time? Can you imagine a runner in the Olympics attempting to win the 1500-meter race by turning his head and looking back incessantly? Caleb would never have received his mountain by that kind of strategy. By faith, he constantly looked forward with great anticipation. This is why it is a joy of mine to present a review of this publication because of the value and importance it has to many of us who have reached the halfway point of life and seek to find bearing and significance for the last half, should the Lord tarry. The format of the book includes 60 interviews with pathfinders and mentors who have experienced life-satisfaction, and instead of retiring, they refired and continued the journey of a truly meaningful life. Furthermore, the life principles and pearls of wisdom in this book are useful for striplings as well as centenarians! As Buford stated, "It is never too late or too early to begin finishing well."

The simple fact we all know to be true is that life is too valuable to waste, yet cultural expectations suggest that when a person reaches a certain age, he or she must quit or become less involved – just turn off the ignition and rust away like an old Chevrolet. As Guinness stated, "We live longer, but we're made to feel obsolete much sooner, which is unfortunate." Yet when the investment in preparation, the calling of God, and the precious gifts that have been given to the believer are taken into consideration, why can't there be a Life II after Life I? Harold Kushner wrote, "I believe that it is not dying that people are afraid of. Something more unsettling and more tragic than dying frightens us. We're afraid of never having lived. Of coming to the end of our days with the sense that we were never really alive." This is why Willard's three imperatives are vitally important: keeping the faith until the end, being engaged in your purpose right through the tape, and making a seamless transition into the world that you know comes next.

Most impressive about the book is the "how to" approach to this issue. These 60 exemplars, like Howard Hendricks, Peter Drucker, Os Guinness, Dallas Willard, Ken Blanchard, and Millard Fuller, have done it. Their interviews include valuable, pragmatic lessons on how to do it. They are people who in Life II have invested their lives to serve others. Isn't it true that productive aging is living for others, resulting in a rich legacy worthy of the glory of God? Consider Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Daniel, Paul, John, Polycarp, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Wesley, and others who lived life to the fullest up to their very last day by exemplifying selflessness and surrender to God. They finished well because they became better vessels for God's purposes. They finished well because they lived intentionally, with passion for a cause greater than themselves. Zig Ziglar wrote, "There's no mention of retirement in the Bible. In fact, except for Jesus and David, nobody had much of an impact until they were at least sixty, and most of them were in their nineties before they did their best work." Instead of retiring *from* something, why not retire *to* something? After all, we may retire from our positions of employment, but we can never retire from the calling of God upon our lives.

I enthusiastically and highly recommend this book to all of our people. You will not be disappointed!

Total Forgiveness: When Everything in You Wants to Hold a Grudge, Point a Finger and Remember the Pain, God Wants You to Lay It All Aside

R. T. Kendall. Lake Mary, Florida: Charisma House.
188 pages.

If a person is to live successfully, with few or no regrets, then forgiveness must be a major component of that success in life, because a forgiving spirit understands there is little difference from the offender, for all of us need forgiveness. Anyone who fails to forgive

fails to understand his or her own need of forgiveness. Through forgiveness, you release the wrongdoer from the wrong and, in so doing, you cut, in the words of Lewis Smedes, "the malignant tumor out of your inner life." You set the prisoner free, but you find out that in the nature of true forgiveness, the real prisoner was yourself. Kendall writes, "When we truly see ourselves as we are, we will recognize that we are just as capable of committing any sin as anyone else." Living with few or no regrets means living without resentment. Living without resentment is possible only through forgiveness.

Total Forgiveness by Kendall contains seven chapters that abound in pithy statements, spiritual principles, and valuable lessons concerning the great subject of forgiveness. In simple language, the author brings to bear the important features of forgiveness and why the message of forgiveness is so timely in our day. Can there ever be enough preaching and teaching on this worthwhile subject? Failure to forgive others grieves the Holy Spirit. Failure to forgive yourself brings regret and negative, debilitating, self-defeating thoughts. Is there any wonder we need all the instruction and material we can find on forgiveness? Let me hasten to say that this book will make a wonderful addition to your collection of books on the subject of forgiveness. It is easily researchable and chock-full of prized statements that are sure to enhance any presentation on forgiveness.

For example, Kendall writes, "The ultimate proof of total forgiveness takes place when we sincerely petition the Father to let those who have hurt us off the hook – even if they have hurt not only us, but also those close to us." Only in this way can Christians truly be free from the root of bitterness "that can become territory for demonic strongholds." He further adds, "Total forgiveness is a choice. It is not a feeling – at least at first – but is rather an act of the will." The book aims to give practical and insightful information as to how to deal effectively with hatred, resentment, anger, and an unforgiving spirit. To forgive is a chosen privilege because, like our heavenly Father, we are taught to forgive others graciously. Having received forgiveness so graciously from the Father, we should all be willing to pass this same kind of forgiveness to others. It is in this that we are like our Father. Is there any other choice?

The book is worthy of its cost and the time it takes to find it. Happy Reading!

HOLLY HILL LADIES HONOR MRS. THELMA SMITH

The Holly Hill Women's Ministries, under the leadership of Director Joy Bowers, met for their October meeting at the home of Mrs. Thelma Smith. Mrs. Smith is the widow of Rev. John A. Smith and is a member of the Holly Hill Church. Due to health problems, she is unable to attend church on a regular basis. In her younger years she was very active in the W.M. Since her birthday is in October, the ladies decided to meet at her home and give her a birthday party. She enjoyed all the gifts and refreshments, but, most of all, she enjoyed having all the ladies visit with her. The devotion for the evening was centered on praising God for our blessings. Everyone enjoyed hearing Mrs. Thelma share her testimony, as well as others who shared praise to the Lord for specific ways their lives have been blessed by God.

This is just one of the many innovative ways the Holly Hill W.M. ladies enjoy meeting each month. The meetings vary, with never a dull moment. At the September meeting, the ladies sponsored a fund-raiser by hosting a jewelry/accessory party. In August they met with their sharing sisters at the Hodges Chapel Church. Just goes to show that W.M. meetings can be real fun!!

– submitted by Linda M. Thomas

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Mary said, my soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." (Luke 1:46-48)

Dear Women of God:

As we read the scriptures, we know that Mary was truly a blessed woman. She was called out among all women to be the mother of Jesus. She was hand-picked by God. He saw something that no one else could see, her heart: a heart full of love and devotion to Him.

As we enter this Christmas season, I trust that you will allow the Lord to open your spiritual eyes and heart to your friends, neighbors, and loved ones. I found the following suggestions about things to do for yourself and others that just might make this the best Christmas ever (*The Little Book of Christmas Joys* by H. Jackson Brown).

1. Be the first to wish everyone you meet a Merry Christmas.
2. Buy a pair of red flannel pajamas that you wear only on Christmas Eve.
3. Mend a broken relationship with a friend or relative during the holidays.
4. Take a basket of Christmas goodies to a notoriously grumpy neighbor.
5. Be nice to sales personnel. They're often wearier than you are.
6. Take a basket of Christmas goodies to your local fire and police stations.
7. Tie jingle bells on your kids' shoelaces.
8. Don't wait until Christmas Eve to wrap gifts. Wrap them as you purchase them.
9. Before going to bed every night of the Christmas season, ask yourself, "Whose life did I make brighter today?"
10. Call a nursing home and get the names of five people who don't often receive mail. Send each one a beautiful Christmas card.
11. Record a cheerful Christmas greeting for your answering machine.
12. Make your family feel just as important as your holiday company.

From our house to yours, have a very Merry Christmas!

In His Love,

Janice, Margie, Terry Ann, Lois and *"Mrs. Patsy"*

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"Partners in Ministry"

"DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?"

It almost seems Christmas was here just a few weeks ago, and here it is upon us again. During this special holiday time, we become so busy with everything going on around us that we often get sidetracked from the very reason for this great time of celebrating. Sometimes we even forget what we see before us. Not too long ago, I heard this story:

There was an elderly man who really enjoyed playing golf. His only problem was that he couldn't see very well. He had a playing partner who played with him often who could see and would direct him to his ball. One day, the elderly man wanted to play, but his partner couldn't. He decided he would go to the country club anyway and take a chance that his partner would show up. While waiting at the country club, he was telling another gentleman about his situation. After hearing his story, the man said, "I will go with you. I have 20/20 vision." So off they went to the first hole to start their game.

The man who could not see well hit the ball and asked the other man if he saw it. He replied, "I surely did. I saw it until it quit rolling." They got in the golf cart and started toward the green. The gentleman asked his new-found friend where the ball was. The man answered, "I forgot!"

Like the man with 20/20 vision, too often we "forget" what we have seen Jesus do. There are people today who have walked with Jesus and "seen" the miraculous changes that He made in their life. But somehow, they have forgotten what He did for them. During Christmas, of all times, they are blinded by life and/or sin and fail to "see" what the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ truly means.

I don't know about you, but I want to "see" the results of what Christ has done for me, not only at Christmas, but every day of the year! I want to be the godly man that He has called me to be. I want people to **see** Jesus in me because Jesus said, "This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40). Do you see what I see?

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UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF PRAYER

The Definition of Prayer

To bring my prayers into alignment with His purposes, I had to redefine prayer completely. If prayer is not for the purpose of moving God to my point of view, what is prayer? If I can't change God, why should I pray?

A new definition of prayer began to emerge in my life and thinking. Prayer is not a group of words sandwiched between "Dear God" and "Amen." It is not begging, pleading, convincing, or twisting God's arm. Prayer is not a way to get God to do what we want Him to do when we want Him to do it. I had been telling God what to do, expressed in religious-sounding words, and expecting Him to obey me. When He didn't obey me, I was disappointed in Him. Prayer, I learned, is not expecting God to carry out my decisions. Prayer is not giving God instructions to follow.

"To pray is to let Jesus glorify His name in the midst of our needs," says O. Hallesby in his book, *Prayer*. Prayer is simply opening our lives to God, acknowledging our total dependence on Him. Prayer is not limited to a segment of our lives or to a scheduled event in our days. It is an attitude of receptivity in which we live every moment. It is being open to Him at all times. It is living in the presence of God, always in the process of being reshaped and recreated by Him.

– Taken from the book *Live a Praying Life* by Jennifer Kennedy Dean

The Truth About Prayer

The truth about prayer will set you free. Prayer is the means by which you will be freed from your earthbound, timebound thinking to participate in eternity. True prayer releases His power so that His power can accomplish immeasurably more than we can ask or even imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

God's power – the power released by prayer – is power that has a direct and observable impact on the earth. Paul describes the power available through prayer in Ephesians 1:19-20: "His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms."

God's power, which is beyond comparison, is available to "us who believe." The same power that put eternal life into the dead body of Jesus, the same power that lifted Jesus above all other rule and authority, that same power – "the working of His mighty strength" – is released into the material realm when we pray.

God means for prayer always to bring His power to earth. His intent is that every prayer find His "yes." "For the Son of God, Jesus Christ … was not 'Yes' and 'No,' but in Him it has always been 'Yes.' For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:19-20).

Prayer will work as God intends for it to work when it becomes what God intends for it to be. Prayer is not an activity, but a relationship. Prayer is not a formula, but a life. Only when we have learned how to live prayer, breathe prayer, be prayer – only then will the power available through prayer be consistently manifested on the earth. God has ordained that prayer will be the conduit through which His intervening, earth-changing power flows from heaven to earth. Prayer is what sets God's will in motion on the earth.

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THIS CHRISTMAS, LET'S UNWRAP THE GIFT OF PRAYER!

MERRY CHRISTMAS from the WIN Ministry of the North Carolina Conference!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

UN REGALO NO SE COMPRA, SE RECIBE!

Navidad es una de las épocas del año que más me gusta. Muchas razones tengo para eso, pero la principal es porque me recuerda el regalo de Dios para nosotros, el regalo de Su Hijo Jesucristo. "Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna." (Juan 3:16)

Ese texto nos habla de un regalo, especialmente cuando dice "que ha dado a su Hijo." Es un regalo que nos dió no como premio al comportamiento humano personal, ni porque hayamos hecho ninguna otra otra cosa que lo mereciera, es simplemente un regalo de Su amor. Por eso no se compra, simplemente se recibe

La palabra "amo" que se usa en este pasaje significa amor incondicional, amor por elección y por un acto de la voluntad. Verdaderamente Dios eligió en Su voluntad amarnos a pesar de nuestra condición. La palabra "amo" denota benevolencia inconquistable y buena voluntad invencible. Nada pudo, puede, ni podrá cambiar el amor de Dios hacia nosotros.

Es lo que dice Romanos 8:35-37 – "Quien podrá apartarnos del amor de Cristo? Si nos vienen problemas o calamidades, si nos persiguen o matan, es acaso que El ha dejado de amarnos? Y si tenemos hambre o necesidad, o si estamos en peligro. Amenazados de muerte, es acaso que Dios nos ha abandonado? No, las Escrituras dicen que debemos estar dispuestos a morir en cualquier momento por la causa de Cristo, que somos como ovejas de matadero, pero que a pesar de todo nuestra victoria es absoluta, gracias a Cristo que nos amó hasta la muerte."

En el pasaje que nos habla de los ángeles cantando y celebrando el nacimiento de Jesús dice así: "...Gloria a Dios en las alturas, y en la tierra paz, buena voluntad para con los hombres." (Lucas 2:14) Observe la expresión "Buena voluntad para con los hombres", esa es la "voluntad invencible" de Dios de la que hablabamos anteriormente; es "paz a los que gozan de su buena voluntad." La versión en ingles de la NVI dice "y en la tierra paz para los hombres en los cuales su favor descansa."

Ese amor de Dios, el cual lo impulsó para darnos el regalo de Su Hijo es un amor que busca el bien más elevado para la humanidad. Es un amor que no necesita ni química, ni afinidad, ni emoción. Nos amó y nos ama tal como somos.

Lastimosamente navidad hoy en día ha perdido su sentido y significado, volviéndose la época mas comercial, materialista y egoísta que existe del año incluyendo el aspecto de otras figuras que han tomado lugar de importancia y simbolismo.

Los que conocemos a Dios y tenemos el regalo de Su Hijo viviendo en nuestros corazones, no podemos pasar por alto este hecho de altísima importancia para esta época y todas las demás épocas del año. Debemos levantarnos para anunciar que Dios está dispuesto a dar ese Regalo a todos los que lo reciban creyendo en El. Es un regalo que no se compra, se recibe por fe e inmerecidamente. No lo podemos obtener por obras, buena conducta, religión o por ser de determinada cultura; es sólo por fe.

Con el regalo de Jesús vienen también muchas otras cosas, y esto toca mi corazón y aumenta mi pasión por Dios. Creo que es tambien la experiencia de todos los demás cristianos que aman a Dios.

Con el regalo de Jesús viene el regalo del perdón de nuestros pecados, la vida eterna, la libertad del pecado, la sanidad de nuestra alma, el amor de Dios derramado en nuestro corazón, la relación personal e íntima con Dios, la presencia del Espíritu Santo habitando en nosotros, el entendimiento de la Palabra de Dios, el conocimiento de nuestro destino, el servicio en la obra del Señor, el amor para quellos a quienes servimos, la limpieza de nuestra vida, la pertenencia a la iglesia, la libertad de la esclavidtud del diablo y muchas, muchas otras cosas más.

Es maravilloso ver todo lo que sucede cuando Jesús el Hijo de Dios viene a nuestra vida. Por eso este regalo se recibe con gratitud y se atesora en verdad. No hay nada mejor en la vida que vivir para Dios inspirado en una continua alabanza y una vida de servicio a El y los demás.

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A GIFT IS NOT BOUGHT, BUT RECEIVED!

Christmas is one of the times of year that I like most. I have many reasons for that, but the main one is that it reminds me of God's gift to us, the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

That text talks us about a gift, especially when it says that "he gave his one and only Son." It is a gift He gave us, not a prize for our personal good behavior; neither is it because we had done any other thing to deserve it; it is simply a gift of His love. For that reason you don't buy it; you simply receive it.

The word "loved" used in this passage means unconditional love, love for election and for an act of the will. Truly, God chose in His will to love us in spite of our condition. The word "loved" denotes unconquerable benevolence and good, invincible will. Nothing could, can, or will change the love of God toward us.

Romans 8:35-37 says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

The passage that talks about the angels singing and celebrating the birth of Jesus says, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2: 14). Observe the expression "peace to men on whom his favor rests," that is, the "invincible will" of God of which we spoke previously; it is "peace to those who enjoy His good will." The NIV says, "on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

That love of God which impelled Him to give us the gift of His Son is a love that looks for the highest good for humanity. It is a love that needs neither chemistry, likeness, nor emotion. He loves us, and he loves us as we are.

It is a shame that Christmas today is a time that has lost its sense and meaning, becoming the most commercial, materialistic, and selfish occasion of the year for many people, including the aspect of other figures that have taken places of importance and symbolism.

We who know God and have the gift of His Son living in our hearts cannot ignore the high importance of this time and all other times of the year. We should lift ourselves up in order to announce that God is willing to give that Gift to all who will receive it, believing in Him. It is a gift that we could not buy; it is received by faith and undeserved. We cannot obtain it by works, good conduct, religion, or by belonging to a certain culture – only by faith.

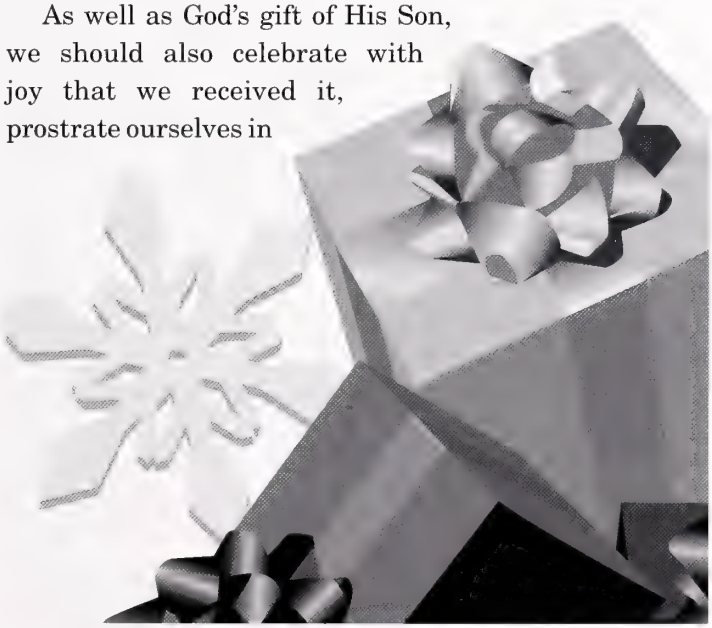
With the gift of Jesus many other things also come, and this touches my heart and increases my passion for God. I believe it is also the experience of all other Christians who love God.

With the gift of Jesus come the gifts of forgiveness of our sins, eternal life, freedom from sin, the health of our souls, the love of God poured out in our hearts, a personal and intimate relationship with God, the presence of the Holy Spirit living in us, understanding of the Word of God, knowledge of our destination, service in the work of the Lord, love for those whom we serve, the cleansing of our lives, belonging to the church, freedom from the slavery of the devil, and many more things.

It is marvelous see all the things that happen when Jesus, the Son of God, comes into our lives. For that reason, this gift is received with gratitude and is truly treasured. There is nothing better in life that to live in continuous surrender of our lives to love and serve God.

Christmas reminds us of a word and very important action: "give." Matthew 2:11 says something about the magi when they visited Jesus and brought their gifts in an act of adoration: "On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh."

As well as God's gift of His Son, we should also celebrate with joy that we received it, prostrate ourselves in



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Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

I Give Thanks...

I give thanks to God and praise Him for this most wonderful time of the year. Truly, He has blessed us abundantly both spiritually and physically. He has been faithful to the IPHC and especially to the North Carolina Conference. I can't help but thank you faithful churches and pastors of this conference for your concern, compassion, and support of Evangelism/World Missions ministries. Because of your prayers, support, and catching the vision of planting churches, we have started/organized 12 churches this year, and we have 1½ months left as of the writing of this article, and because of you and your support of missions, this will indeed be a record year in total missions giving.

We can say much about statistics; however, it all boils down to this: "How many souls are we reaching for Christ?" Though much has been accomplished, the harvest is still ripe, and our resources continue to be limitless. During our most recent conference Missions Committee meeting, Rev. Ron Wooten gave a powerful word from Matthew 27:41-42. The occasion is the scene of the crucifixion, and the people are gathered at the foot of the cross, and there are several groups present: supporters, disciples, family, the curious, soldiers, and the "religious." Bro. Wooten focused on the thought that although they didn't intend it when the chief priests, scribes, and elders mockingly made fun and said, "He saved others; himself he cannot save," they were actually being prophetic. This is indeed the totality of our message: "HE SAVED OTHERS"!

I want to take that simple phrase out of the context of vs. 42, 43 and examine each of the three words. HE – SAVED – OTHERS. First, let's look at a few statements from the Savior Himself to add to the foundation of the statement. In John 3:14, He said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." In Luke 19:10, He said, "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost"; in Matt. 20:28, He said, "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"; and finally, from John 10:18 – speaking of His life-giving sacrifice – "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."

HE: When I anxiously await the Christmas season, I have to admit that Christmas and its celebration should be, must be a 365-day observance. The object, the source, of my salvation and eternal life rests in the fact that He took upon Himself the form of a servant and came to this earth for one purpose alone. It's not about you or me or any other personality; it's all about Him, who He is and what He came to do. Last night I saw a simple but powerful drama at one of our churches (Shiloh – Wilson) entitled, "How to Win God's Love." The point was, no matter what you or I do, we can't win God's love – it is automatic because of the nature of God. I cannot do anything to make Him love me or love me more. God was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world to Himself. As Christmas approaches and we celebrate His birth, let's remember the reason for the season is that He came.

SAVED: Regardless of your social or economic standing in life, regardless of your theological views as to why He came, etc., this is the whole of the Bible in a nutshell: He came to Save.

As Jesus stood before Pilate, John 18:37 gives Jesus' answer to Pilate's question, "Are you a king then?" He answered, "For this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth." What cause? To bear witness to the truth. What truth? The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. As we surround Christmas with our celebrations, parties, gift-giving, cantatas, special sermons and messages, etc., let's be keenly aware that the Messiah in the manger came for one ultimate purpose – to Save.

OTHERS: In eternity as God the Son took upon Himself the form of a servant and came to earth to live, suffer, and die for one reason, to save, His object was single. Matt. 20:28 says, "Just as the

Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." God help me to remember that He didn't need me; I needed Him. "For God so loved the world [miraculous love], that He gave His only begotten Son [miraculous sacrifice], that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish [miraculous provision], but have everlasting life [miraculous gift]. He came for one purpose and one purpose only, and in fulfilling that purpose, He fulfilled the will of the Father. He came to save others! What a glorious Christmas message! And yes, He "took it [His life] up again" to seal the deal at Calvary: no grave, no power, no horde of demons, not death itself could hold back the Son of God – God in the flesh – because He has power and dominion over death, hell, and the grave.

Praise God, HE – SAVED – OTHERS! Yes, the religious at Calvary were prophetic in a sense; however, their assertion was inaccurate when they said, "Himself He cannot save." The correct rendering of the thought is, He saved others; Himself He *would* not save. Have a Christ-filled Christmas season, from Rose, secretary Joyce Swinson, and me.

N.C. Conference Schedule

GREAT COMMISSION MEALS 2005

"Investing in Eternity"

Thursday	January 20	12:00 noon	Ernie's Buffet (Hwy 421)	Dunn
Thursday	January 20	6:30 p.m.	Wilson First Fellowship Hall	Wilson
Friday	January 21	12:00 noon	Wallace First	Wallace
Friday	January 21	6:30 p.m.	Pikes Cross Roads	Goldsboro
Monday	January 24	12:00 noon	Fire Mountain	Garner
Monday	January 24	6:30 p.m.	Mount Carmel	Fayetteville
Tuesday	January 25	12:00 noon	Golden Corral	Morehead City
Tuesday	January 25	6:30 p.m.	New Bern First	New Bern
Wednesday	January 26	6:30 p.m.	Nueva Jerusalem (Spanish)	McGhees X Rd.
Thursday	January 27	12:00 noon	Cobb's Restaurant	Williamston
Thursday	January 27	6:30 p.m.	Saint Paul	Greenville
Monday	January 31	6:30 p.m.	Living Faith Fellowship	Rocky Mount
Tuesday	February 1	6:30 p.m.	Elizabethtown PHC	Elizabethtown
Wednesday	February 2	6:30 p.m.	Oasis (Spanish)	Greenville

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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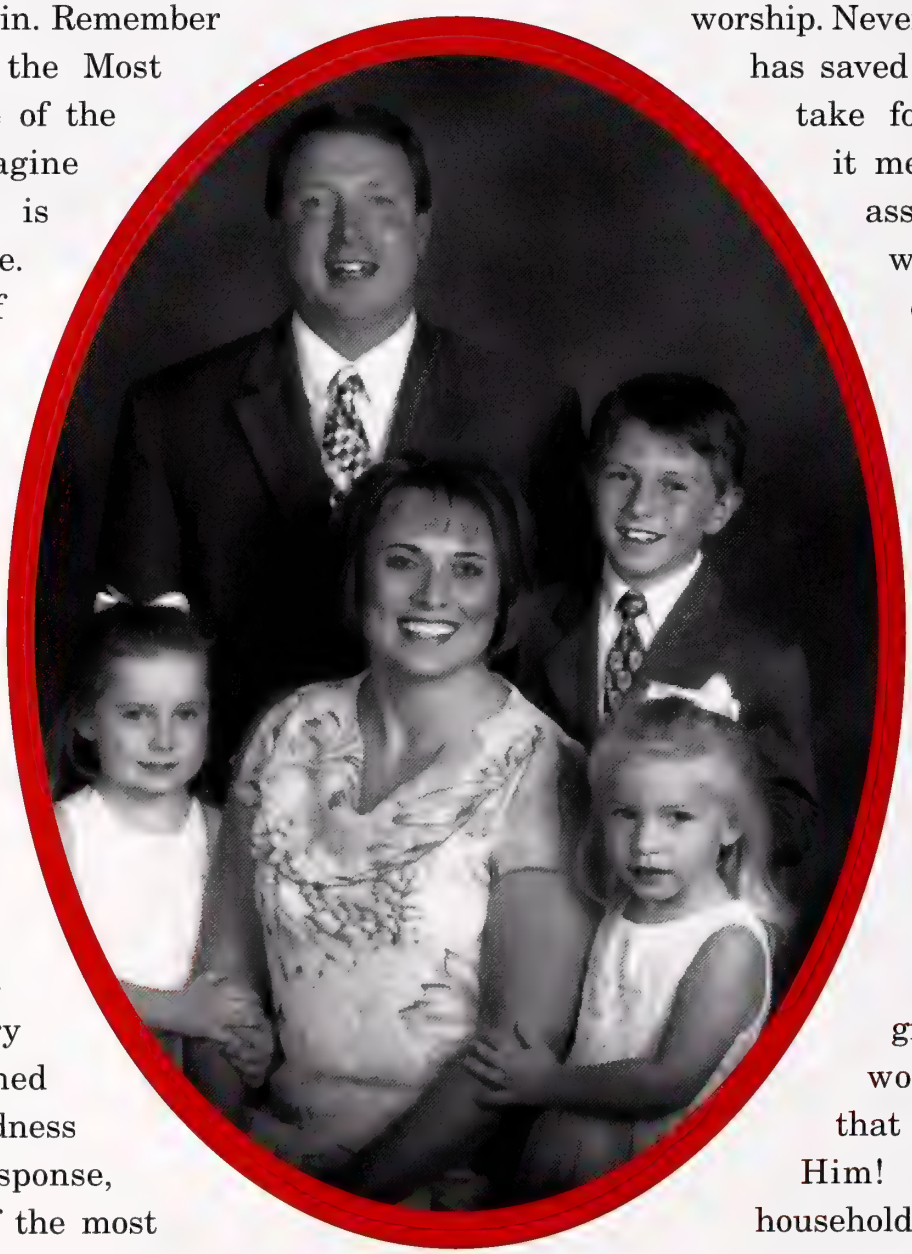
Now you see why I tell everyone in the conference that I am a very blessed man. Yes it's that time of year again. Remember the song, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," so imagine how excited it is around our house. I'm reminded of what Mary said in Luke 1:46, 47: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior." Praise is the spontaneous response of a grateful child of God in His presence. Mary was overwhelmed by the Lord's goodness to her. In response, she sang one of the most beautiful and profound songs of praise found in Scripture.



You should never have difficulty thinking of reasons why God deserves your praise. You should enjoy the times you have to praise your Lord, both privately and publicly, in worship. Never forget what God has saved you from. Never take for granted what it means to have the assurance of eternity with God. Do not disregard the spiritual kinship you enjoy with other believers. Take time often to recount the blessings He has poured out upon you and your family. Spontaneous praise is a real and personal expression of a grateful heart and wonder-filled life that has encountered Him! The Boyd household wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Remember you are blessed.

Registration Form – CEM Convention

March 4-5, 2005
Falcon, N.C.
Conference Tabernacle

Guest Speaker – Stan Toler

Vibrant Church

Registration: The Friday evening session with Stan Toler is FREE and open to anyone. This does not require preregistration.

Cost: Early registration by Friday, February 25, 2005, is $10.00 per person, or $15.00 at the door. Your church may send an unlimited number of folks for just $100 if preregistered, or $150 at the door. Those who preregister will receive a free copy of Dr. Toler's book, *God Is Never Late; He's Seldom Early; He's Always Right On Time*.

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Accommodations: FREE overnight lodging will be available on a first-come/first-served basis. CEM Department Secretary at (910) 980-1162, ext. 204 can make reservations.

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Total Number Registering: _____

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Navidad nos recuerda una palabra y acción muy importante, la palabra "dar" como lo expresa Mateo 2:11 acerca de los magos que visitaron a Jesús y le trajeron regalos en un acto de adoración. "Y al entrar en la casa, vieron al niño con su madre María, y postrándose, lo adoraron; y abriendo sus tesoros, le ofrecieron presentes: oro, incienso y mirra."

Así como Dios nos dio el regalo de Su Hijo, nosotros también debemos celebrar con gozo el haberlo recibido, postrarnos en humildad para adorarlo cada día, viviendo en asombro y abrir nuestros corazón para ofrecerle lo mejor y excelente de nuestra vida.

El regalo de Dios en su Hijo nos enseña que debemos ser hombres y mujeres con el don de dar bien desarrollado, por lo tanto tome esta ocasión para bendecir a muchos con su amor, sus palabras de aliento, e incluso con regalos de cosas que posiblemente necesiten.

Expresemos lo mismo que Dios mostró hacia nosotros un amor incondicional hacia los demás. Dándonos su regalo; un regalo que no se compra, se recibe. Su Hijo amado!

NOTICIAS

- Diciembre 8 a las 7:00 p.m. en Falcon: Nuestra fiesta de Navidad con todos los pastores y sus esposas.
- Enero 6 y 7 en Carolina del Sur: Escuela de Evangelismo
- Enero 21 y 22 en Falcon: Instituto Nacional de Entrenamiento INE

ALABANZA AL SEÑOR

- Alabamos al Señor por el milagro de sanidad recibido en la esposa de nuestro pastor Alfredo Vargas, la hermana Marlene.
- Por la asistencia en el último entrenamiento hispano en Falcon. Tuvimos 146 personas entre pastores y líderes de las iglesias locales.
- Por la primera convención hispana. La asistencia fue maravillosa y el mover de Dios entre nosotros fue grande. Gracias a todos los pastores por su apoyo.

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humility and adoration every day, living in amazement and opening our hearts to offer Him the best and most excellent in our lives.

The gift of God in His Son teaches us that we should be men and women with the gift of giving well developed; therefore, take this occasion to bless many people with your love, your words of encouragement, and even with gifts of things that possibly they need.

Express the same as God expressed: He showed unconditional love toward us; do the same toward others. He gave us His gift, a gift that we cannot buy but can only receive: His Son!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 8 at 7: 00 p.m. in Falcon: Our Christmas party with all the pastors and their wives.
- January 6 and 7 in South Carolina: School of Evangelism
- January 21 and 22 in Falcon: National Training Institute (INE)

PRAISES TO GOD

- We praise the Lord for the miracle of healing received by the wife of our pastor Alfredo Vargas, sister Marlene.
- We praise God for the attendance in the last Hispanic training in Falcon. We had 146 people between pastors and leaders of the local churches.
- We praise God for the first Hispanic convention. The attendance was marvelous, and the move from God upon us was great. Thanks to all the pastors for their support.

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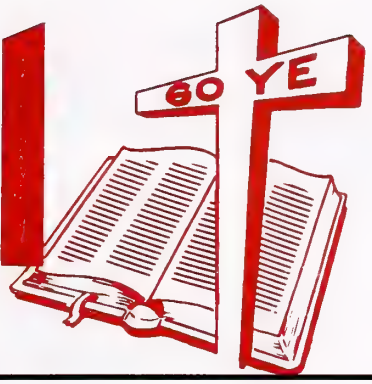

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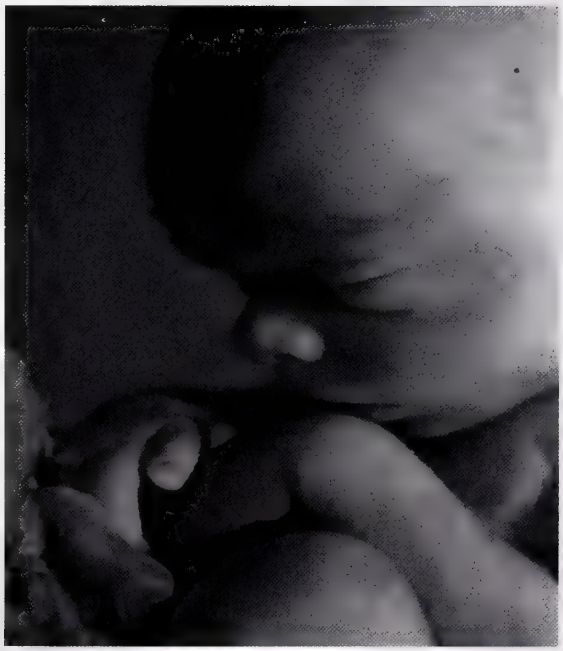

How Blessed is He who Considers the Helpless. Psalm 41:1a

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A Silent Nation . . .

The American Holocaust, 45 million aborted babies since Roe vs Wade

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Sanctity of Human Life Week - January 16-23, 2005

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

2005 – A Year of Miracles and Minister/Spouse Retreat 2005

2005 will be a year of miracles. It must be! The North Carolina Conference will enjoy a new and twice-as-large J.A. Culbreth Memorial Auditorium. New churches will be planted. Churches will be revitalized. Souls will be saved. A new mentoring program will be developed for pastors. The General Conference will be held in Oklahoma City. God is at work.

Recently, the Lord blessed me in prayer with a great passage of Scripture from Psalm 65. Here are His words of blessing; the Psalmist is speaking of the Lord's blessings:

> You crown the year with Your goodness.
> And your paths drip with abundance.
> They drop on the pastures of the wilderness.
> And the little hills rejoice on every side.
> The pastures are clothed with flocks;
> The valleys also are covered with grain;
> They shout for joy, they also sing.
> (vv. 11-13)

He has promised His goodness. Prior to these verses, He mentions His river – a God river. The river flow results in fruit – grain. He has promised to water the ridges abundantly. The result in verse 10 is growth. He is promising a flow of blessings for 2005.

There is much to be done, but we have His direction and His blessings. In His name, we will succeed.

One of our first events in 2005 will be the Minister and Spouse Retreat. The event this year will be February 3, 4, and 5 at the Greenville First Church. Housing will be available at reasonable cost in the nearby Hilton.

Betty and I are praying that most of our ministerial couples will be available to attend. A special program will be planned.

Reverends Emory and Vickie Goodman of Fayetteville will be the primary speakers. The Goodmans pastor the Cliffdale Christian Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The church began in 1988 and now has over 800 in attendance.

This couple has a very special ministry to couples. They will speak in a tag-team arrangement. They are in high demand for speaking to couple groups. They have committed themselves to disciple men and women to do the work of ministry.

Reverend Barry McGee of Winston-Salem will speak and minister at the banquet on Thursday night. He will also do a very special fun time. He is used mightily by the Lord in musical drama and comedy presentation.

There will be no registration fee this year. The North Carolina Conference Board and I are committed to having everyone possible present. However, we must have everyone preregister. This is imperative.

Conference Board members will be leading the small-group sessions again. These have proven to be one of the favorite times of the retreat.

It is my desire that many of our churches will make it possible for the pastor team(s) to attend the event. Those who attend will return refreshed and ready to do the work of the Lord.

Betty and I are committed to ministry for the clergy couples of the North Carolina Conference. We need a greater anointing of the Lord's unifying and strengthening power. We need Him, and we need one another! We are praying that each North Carolina Conference couple will make every effort to join us in Greenville in February. Those who cannot make the full event should come for the Friday/Saturday morning schedule.

Reverends Emory and Vickie Goodman

Reverend Barry McGee

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In Memory: Mrs. Mary Williams Moore

Betty and I were honored to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary Moore on Saturday, November 6, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. The service was held at the Saint Pauls Church. Pastor Ray Faircloth led the service.

Mary Moore was the daughter of the late Willie and Alice C. Williams. She was the beloved wife of the late Reverend Frank R. Moore. She was a devoted Christian and homemaker who loved to serve the Lord and her church. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was laid to rest beside her husband at the Oakridge Cemetery in Saint Pauls.

Mary Moore faithfully served the Lord beside her husband in many churches. Together they pastored the following churches: Good Shepherd, North Tarboro, Raeford, Saint Matthew, Saint Pauls, Vanceboro, Westmoreland, Brock's Chapel, and Kenly. For 27 years they labored side by side to build the churches and the kingdom of God.

She is survived by three daughters: Sue M. Lupo and husband, Allen, of Lumberton; Lou M. Smith and husband, David, of Laurinburg; and Frankie M. Gray and husband, Eric, of Laurinburg; three sisters: Ruth Mills and Mertie Dudley, both of Greenville, and Evelyn Harris of Kinston; and five grandchildren: Jonathan Lupo, Amy Lupo, Matthew Gray, Samuel Gray, and Hanna Smith.

Mary Moore was a grand lady of the faith. I knew her for over 25 years. She loved the Lord and did all she could to support her husband and build the kingdom.

–Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

Book Reviews

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Unexpected Wisdom: Major Insight From the Minor Prophets

Dan Schmidt. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. 174 pages

The Hebrew Minor Prophets, such as Obadiah and Jonah, are not minor in their messages, only in the length of their writings compared to the Major Prophets like Jeremiah or Ezekiel. Since the ministry of the Hebrew-writing prophets tended to be clustered around times of crisis, most of the minor prophets proclaimed a threefold message: the iniquity of the people, both Judah and Israel; the certain coming judgment of God; and the promised future restoration of Israel, offering a message of hope. Because all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and profitable in doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness, the Minor Prophets offer a contemporary

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message for Christians and the nations relating to such issues as fear, lack of integrity, personal pride, the hunger for power and control, and the need for self-sacrificial love. Indeed, much needed wisdom for the 21st century can be found in the pages of the Hebrew-writing prophets, making us wise in the ways of God.

Schmidt, who attended Wheaton College, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Hebrew Union College, has distilled for the reader some of the more complicated language of the Minor Prophets and presented the practical truths for everyday living. The author writes, "When God has something to say, He takes hold of a prophet. So says Amos (3:7), who gives us insight into this line of work. For Amos, as for the others, God is One whose voice cannot be ignored. He speaks often, and when he does, there is no recourse but to get up, go out, and deliver the message. God plucks prophets from the temple, the orchard, and the marketplace, fuses His terrible love into their hearts, and sets them loose in the henhouse. Feathers fly."

The postmodern church could use some instruction and correction from the Twelve. The book is not heavy in grammatical features or cultural, historical information. It is not a critical commentary, nor does it border on the frivolous. It is a relatively brief devotional commentary that advances some valuable gems based on God's infallible Word.

For example, we learn from Jonah that God does not measure failure by human yardsticks. If He did, we'd all be sunk.

Habakkuk teaches us that God has a timetable. He will not be rushed; neither will He be indifferent.

We glean from Obadiah that the almighty God of the universe comes only to those who have room for Him. God's people are called to serve and do so with distinction to the point of becoming indistinct.

Micah focuses on power, proclaiming that real power flows from God to people to be used wisely through justice, mercy, and humility.

When God's people give careful thought and consideration to their ways, says Haggai, they know discipline is essential to discipleship. When they are joined with God's Holy Spirit, holiness is a likely outcome.

Amos boldly tells the reader that the fear of God is the foundation of courage. Wisdom begets fear, which then begets more wisdom and courage. The more fear of God a man has, the wiser and bolder he becomes.

Hosea's message still rings true today: Stay close and committed to God. The truly dependent servant becomes truly dependable.

Through Joel, we ascertain that the Holy Spirit is not a distant hope at best, but a present help in the time of service and trouble. He empowers and comforts. Where the Spirit abides, there should be a resoundingly active and productive faith.

Malachi's message reverberates with a clear, certain, unmistakable sound: Indifference is sin, and when God's people hold God's name lightly, chastisement will not be very far away. Beware of routine that replaces reverence. Do not trivialize your connection with God. "To claim allegiance, and then to act insubordinately is to manifest the hypocrisy that God abhors." And we wonder why so many live at the bottom of the dusty, abandoned well!

Nahum, Zephaniah, and Zechariah together forge a vital truth that God's people have every reason in the world to be addicted to hope; for as long as there is Jehovah, a jealous and avenging God, whose power is unmatched and unrivaled, the progenitor and perpetrators of sin shall be completely destroyed. This hope that only God can give draws believers into a new day and a new beginning. No wonder believers are prisoners of hope locked into faith and trust, never losing heart or hope. No wonder there is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Praise be to God! Bring on your kingdom, Lord. Even so come, Lord Jesus. The day will come when all will be right again.

Dog Training, Fly Fishing, and Sharing Christ in the 21st Century

Ted Haggard. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers. 211 pages.

Admittedly, the title of the book did not entice me at first to dig into its contents because I considered it to be another soft product giving little in terms of real information that could be used by the local church or parachurch ministries. Just as it is true that you should never judge a book by its cover, you should never judge a book hastily by its title. At the outset in my reading, I was hooked because it was so practical, honest, refreshing, and relevant. You can't help but feel the compassion and concern of Haggard for ministers and laypersons alike who seek to build community and reach souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. He is honest and transparent, revealing his inner thoughts and feelings. Immediately, I hungered for the book's contents and message.

Ted Haggard is the senior pastor of New Life Church in Colorado Springs, at over 9,000 members the largest church in Colorado. He is active in some major church ministries as a board member, and he founded the World Prayer center, a strategic nerve center for worldwide evangelistic prayer.

The central premise of the book is simple. All believers are to be ministers who may choose to utilize the free-market small-group strategy for reaching sinners and discipling them in the Christian faith, demonstrating the power of Christ's love and developing relationships, whether it is through training dogs, flying kites, fly fishing, or whatever interests groups of people may have in their lives. Haggard states, "In a free-market arrangement, the church government sets up systems so that people can establish whatever ministry they think others might be interested in. If lots of people attend and it meets their needs, others are free to start similar ministries. The market creates more and more, so the supply meets the demands." At the same time, he contends, if the idea or apparent interest does not appeal to people, then those who started the group may choose to move on to something else that will work.

The last major section of the book includes the practical aspects of establishing and maintaining a free-market small-group ministry. As with all cell-group ministries, there needs to be accountability, discipleship, and correct theology. Instead of relying solely upon church programs to carry the day, church leaders look to small groups as a culture within the church, which can effectively meet the needs of the people and grow the church at the same time. It is undoubtedly worth your time to consider the facts and implications for ministry that Haggard proposes.

Happy Reading!

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

You have been drafted!

As we bring in 2005, let us not forget that a war is going on among the nations. Jesus says in Matthew 24:6 that we shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, so it is not surprising that there is war in our world as we watch prophesies being fulfilled and anticipate the soon return of Christ.

Many men and women are involved in the war in Iraq and in Afghanistan. We need to pray **every day** for all the people involved, for our troops' safety, and for a godly resolution to the conflicts.

We also must take heed of the spiritual war going on right here before our very eyes. Jesus continues in Matthew 6:9 saying that we (Christians) will be "hated of all nations for my name's sake." In verse 10, He says that many will be offended and betray one another and shall hate one another. Satan knows all of this, and that is why he is so hard at work today. Satan is attacking the moral structure of our nation even at this very moment. Christians are increasingly being labeled "judgmental," "right wing," "homophobic," etc. It is no longer a given that the Bible is the moral foundation for the United States and its sure compass. True Christians are made fun of instead of being respected, and Christianity is facing more restrictions and limitations every day.

Attacking Christians and the gospel we preach is what Satan does, but attacking weak Christians on an individual basis is what he does best. Because of this, we can look in Philippians 1:27 and read, "Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving **together** for the faith of the gospels." Just as the soldiers fighting in Iraq are holding one another up and covering one another's backs, we as Christians need to be doing the same thing over here.

For some people, the battles become more than they can handle. It is up to mature Christians to stand in the gap for the ones who are weak. The strongest weapons we can use against Satan are our mouths and our knees. We can use our mouths to speak the Word of God boldly against Satan, just as Jesus did, and we can fervently pray to the Father on our knees in their behalf.

Encourage your Christian brothers and sisters every day that there are better days to come. Don't leave them alone for Satan to have a field day with them. 1 Peter 1:22 says, "See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." Throughout the Bible, Jesus speaks of love and of loving one another. Let us be the warriors God wants us to be and love our Christian family enough to go to war for them.

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

Dear Women of God,

It's a new year, and the Lord is planning great and wonderful new days of opportunities and adventures for each of us.

A few weeks ago, I had taken my car to have the tires rotated and the oil changed. When I stopped by the shop, the owner asked me if I could drive a stick shift. I assured him that I could. As I climbed under the steering wheel of the blue Jeep, I thought to myself, "Can I still do this?" I remember when I learned to drive as a teenager, the shift was on the column. However, when I started dating *"Mr. Henry,"* he taught me how to drive with the shift on the floor. Of course, now I love driving an automatic, and it's such a smooth drive. Change can be good!

Many of you are also facing changes as this year begins. Remember, you are not facing them alone. Our God goes before you. His love is constant and unconditional. We can confidently entrust to Him all that is dear to us.

(By the way, it took a few minutes to get the Jeep to cooperate, but once I got it, we were off and running and never missed a beat. God is so good!)

The NCWM Board and I wish you a blessed New Year filled with the anticipation of seeing God work in each of your lives in amazing ways as you allow Him to lead and guide you. Remember, *together we can make a difference.*

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

NCWM Leadership Seminar

"Fully Alive"

Saturday, January 29, 2005

Pikes Crossroads PH Church
Pikeville, NC
Cost: $8.00 per person
Registration begins 8:00 a.m.

All local Women's Ministries Leadership is invited to attend. Pre-registration should be sent to Mrs. Marjorie Teachey, 1248 Tyner Road, Williamston, NC 27692

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New Year ...Ways to Feel Like a New You!

- **Start an "I need a break" kit. Fill a basket, container, or even a drawer with quick, easy projects – clipped articles you want to read, thank-you notes you need to write, postcards you'd like to send, or any small task that can be completed in a few minutes. The next time you feel your energy start to spiral down, tackle a mini-project from the basket. Finishing something that's important, no matter how small, makes you feel revitalized and in command of your time.**
- **Time out for tea. Skip the coffee, which may deliver a quick kick then leave you lagging. Instead, opt for peppermint herbal tea when you take a break. Breathe in the steam as it steeps. The powerful aroma alone may provide a lift.**
- **Make your world sparkle! Take a few minutes to clean the inside of your car windows. You'll be surprised at what a difference it makes in what you see and how you feel.**
- **Indulge in a childhood treat. Splurge on something sinfully sweet that gave you immense pleasure as a child. Remember how the delight once gave you instant gratification and joy, and treat it as if still possessed the same power.**

Harvest Train, A Holiday Tradition

Tuesday, November 23, 2004, the weather was cold and rainy. You would have thought it was a good day to stay inside and read, cook, or just relax, but the NCWM Board was up early to get ready for Harvest Train.

We arrived at Gospel Tabernacle about 8:30 a.m. The parade of vehicles was beginning to line up. As the judges were examining each vehicle to see which one deserved the prize, we wondered if the rain would hinder the festivities that were planned for the day. As we followed the Dunn Clowns into Falcon, we realized it was too rainy to greet the children and give them candy as we passed by the home, but we soon learned that at the end of the program, they would line up at the front of the Tabernacle to receive their candy.

The program was outstanding, reminding us of the important gifts we have every day. Included in the program were testimonies from adults who grew up at Falcon Children's Home about how important "Harvest Train" was to them as children. They also talked about how much they enjoyed coming back to begin the holiday season with "Harvest Train."

Congratulations to the Damascus Road P.H. Church in Raeford for having the best-decorated vehicle from the North Carolina Conference, and The First Church of Manassas, Virginia, from the Redemption Ministries Conference. We appreciate their participation and ingenuity.

Hats off to the "Top Five" churches in the North Carolina Conference for their cash gifts to the Children's Home: Tarboro, $17,255.27; Harkers Island, $8,500; Kinston First, $8,137.71; Greenville First, $7,756.52; and St. Paul, $7,000. The "Top Five" bringing commodities were Mt. Olive, $8,870.90; Liberty, $5,973.03; Belfast, $1,850; Harvest Temple, $1,834; and Wilson First, $1,830. (These were the numbers reported the day of Harvest Train.)

This year was probably the last Harvest Train program in the old Culbreth Tabernacle. Even with the rain, the Tabernacle was full. I can hardly wait to see what it will be like next year in the new Tabernacle. I know you will not want to miss it. Plan to decorate your vehicles and be there. The date is November 22. You'll be blessed beyond measure!

Submitted by Mrs. Marjorie Teachey
NCWM Secretary-Treasurer

January 2005

NC Conference Calendar

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9	10 CEM Workshop - Benson	11 CEM Workshop-Lumberton First	12	13 Conference Youth Pastors Meeting 11.30 a.m. Shiloh PHC in Wilson	14 School of Ministry	15
16	17 Office Closed	18	19 Conference Board Meeting Hispanic MPM	20 National RR Council Ridgecrest Missions Meal	21 Hispanic INE	22
23 Sanctity of Life	24	25 Archives Committee Meeting	26 Missions Meals	27 Fire & Ice	28	29 Pnmetimers Gathering WM Leadership
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February 2005

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		1	2 Hispanic Leadership Team	3 Minister's and Spouse Retreat	4	5
6 The Gathering - The Capital	7 Raleigh MPM P.M.	8 Evangelism Board Meeting Wilson MPM P.M.	9	10 CEM Board Meeting	11 Clinton/Goldsboro Talent Rallies at Gospel Tabernacle School of Ministry	12 Raleigh/Rocky Mount Talent Rallies at The Capital
13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Morehead City MPM/P M. Supenntendent's Advisory Council	16 New Bern MPM/A.M.	17 Conference Board Meeting	18 National Youth & Childrens' Worker's Hispanic Training	19 Missions Meals Goldsboro
20	21 President's Day Evangelism Appreciation Banquets	22	23	24 New Bern and Morehead City Talent Rallies Reelsboro PH Church	25 Greenville and Williamston Talent Rallies Grace Family Church	26 Missions Meals Fayetteville/Wilson Talent at Shiloh PHC Wilson Lumberton & Wilmington Talent at Chadbourn PHC
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6 Resurrection Offering for CEM can be taken any Sunday this month	7	8 New Minister's Day	9	10 MACEA Convention	11 School of Ministry	12
13 Resurrection Offering for CEM can be taken any Sunday this month	14	15	16	17 Emmanuel Collge Trustees	18	19 Ranger of the Year
20 Resurrection Offering for CEM can be taken any Sunday this month	21	22	23 Hispanic MPM	24 Rocky Mount / Williamston MPM	25	26 Lady Minister's Training
27 Resurrection Offering for CEM can be taken any Sunday this month	28 Conference Board Retreat	29	30	31 National Men's Ministry	Apr 2005 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	

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April 2005

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3 Daylight Savings Time Begins	4 Fayetteville Clinton Lumberton Wilmington Happy Hearts Spring District Conference	5 Goldsboro Greenville New Bern Morehead City	6 Hispanic Leadership Team	7 Raleigh Wilson Rocky Mount Williamston	8	9 Talent / Drama
10	11 Mentor Training Training / Conrad Lowe	12 All Pastors	13 Hispanic District Conference	14 Evangelism Board & Missions	15 School of Ministry	16 Talent / Music
17	18 Happy Hearts Model Church Strategy	19 Conference Board Meeting Lumberton / Wilmington MPM	20 Hispanic District Conference	21 Goldsboro / Greenville MPM	22 Girl's MLT Training	23
24	25 Happy Hearts	26	27	28 National African Pastors Conference	29 Hispanic INE	30

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May 2005

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 CEM Board Meeting	4 Hispanic Leadership Team	5 Examining Committee for License Candidates National Day of Prayer	6 Examining Committee for Ordination Candidates	7 WM Director's Council Meeting
8 Mother's Day	9 Retired Minister's Retreat	10 Retired Minister's Retreat	11 Retired Minister's Retreat	12 Conference Board Meeting	13 School of Ministry	14 MWF Board Meeting
15 Pentecost Sunday	16	17	18	19	20	21 Annual Conference Armed Forces Day
22	23 Model Church Strategy	24 Model Church Strategy	25 Model Church Strategy	26	27 Hispanic Training	28 Hispanic Training
29	30 Memorial Day (Observed) Office Closed	31				

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June 2005

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Hispanic Leadership Team	2 Clinton / Fayetteville MPM	3	4 WM Convention
5	6	7	8	9 High School Camp	10 High School Camp	11 High School Camp
12 High School	13 Model Church Strategy Middle School Camp	14 Flag Day Middle School Camp	15 Middle School Camp	16 Conference Board Meeting Middle School Camp	17	18
19 Father's Day Omega Camp (Grades 4-5)	20 Omega Camp (Grades 4-5)	21 Summer begins Omega Camp (Grades 4-5)	22 Hispanic MPM Omega Camp (Grades 4-5)	23 Alpha Camp (Grades 1-3) Omega Camp (Grades 4-5)	24 Alpha Camp (Grades 1-3)	25 Alpha Camp (Grades 1-3)
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July 2005

NC Conference Calendar

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3 Hispanic Camp	4 Independence Day	5	6 Hispanic Leadership Team	7 New Bern / Morehead City MPM	8 Hispanic INE	9 MWF Board Meeting
10	11	12 Evangelism Board Meeting	13	14 Conference Board Meeting	15	16
17	18 Model Church Strategy	19 Model Church Strategy	20 Model Church Strategy	21 Fine Arts	22 Fine Arts	23 Fine Arts
24 WM Convention Fine Arts	25 Men's Convention WM Convention	26 General Conference	27 General Conference	28 General Conference	29 General Conference	30 General Conference
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August 2005

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	1	2	3 Hispanic Leadership Team	4	5	6
7 Falcon Camp Meeting (Tony Miller - Sun - Tues)	8 Falcon Camp Meeting (Tony Miller - Sun - Tues)	9 Falcon Camp Meeting (Tony Miller - Sun - Tues)	10 Falcon Camp Meeting (Leroy Baker - Wed - Sun)	11 Falcon Camp Meeting (Leroy Baker - Wed - Sun)	12 Falcon Camp Meeting (Leroy Baker - Wed - Sun)	13 Falcon Camp Meeting (Leroy Baker - Wed - Sun)
14 Falcon Camp	15	16 Conference Board Meeting	17 Hispanic MPM	18 Pine Grove Camp Meeting	19 School of Ministry Pine Grove Camp Meeting	20 Pine Grove Camp Meeting
21 Pine Grove Camp Meeting	22 Model Church Strategy Pine Grove Camp Meeting	23 Pine Grove Camp Meeting	24 Pine Grove Camp Meeting	25 Pine Grove Camp Meeting	26 Fresh Fire Pine Grove Camp Meeting	27 MWF Board Meeting Pine Grove Camp Meeting
28 Pine Grove	29 Clinton District Conference	30 New Bern District Conference	31			

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				1 Wilmington District Conference	2 Hispanic Training	3
4	5 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	6 Lumberton District Conference	7 Hispanic Leadership Team	8 Wilson District Conference	9 Men's Ministry	10
11 Girl's Ministry Day	12 Williamston District Conference	13 Evangelism Board Meeting Rocky Mount District Conference	14 Hispanic District Conference	15 Conference Board Meeting Raleigh District Conference	16 Town Day School of Ministry	17
18	19 Model Church Strategy	20 Morehead City District Conference	21	22 Autumn begins Greenville District Conference	23 POW WOW	24 MWF Retreat
25	26 Fayetteville District Conference	27 Goldsboro District Conference	28 Hispanic District Conference	29	30 Hispanic Marriage Retreat Kids Quest	

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						1 Hispanic Marriage Retreat Kids Quest
2 Pastor Appreciation	3	4	5 Hispanic Leadership Team	6 Raleigh / Wilson MPM	7 School of Ministry	8
9	10 Columbus Day (Observed)	11	12 Hispanic Missions F.E.S.T.	13 Conference Board Meeting Missions F.E.S.T.	14	15
16	17	18 CEM Board Meeting	19	20 Primetimers Pennsylvania Trip	21 Girl's Ministry Retreat / Convention	22
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30 Daylight Savings Time Ends	31					

November 2005

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Goldsboro / Greenville MPM	2 Hispanic Leadership Team	3 Rocky Mount / Williamston MPM	4	5 WIN Training
6	7	8 Election Day	9	10 Clinton / Fayetteville MPM	11 Veterans Day School of Ministry	12
13	14	15 Evangelism Board Meeting Lumberton / Wilmington MPM	16	17 Conference Board Meeting	18 Hispanic Convention	19 Archives Training
20	21	22 Harvest Train	23 OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON	24 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	25	26
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December 2005

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Superannuate Luncheon	2 Hispanic Training & Prayer	3
4 Evangelists Day	5	6 Conference Board's Party	7 Hispanic Christmas Party Hispanic Leadership Team	8	9 School of Ministry	10
11	12	13	14	15 Conference Board Meeting	16	17
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25 Christmas	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

PROYECTANDO EN EL TIEMPO POR VENIR

Planear para el futuro no es malo, sobre todo cuando lo hacemos con fe, visión y expectativa, esperando en Dios por la manifestación de su voluntad, su poder y su gracia. Establecer metas es muy importante para ayudarnos a tener una dirección a seguir, pero debemos estar seguros de la voluntad de Dios en aquello que deseamos alcanzar. No se trata de nuestros puros deseos personales; mucho menos el anhelo de alcanzar gloria personal, sino aquello que agrada a Dios, le trae gloria y edifica su pueblo.

Mi corazón, mi visión, mis recursos y mis energías estan dirigidos a lograr los siguientes propósitos, los cuales deseamos alcanzar en nuestros pastores e iglesias en Carolina del Norte para el año de 2005. Creo que con fe, visión y trabajando en equipo los podremos lograr.

Propósitos de la obra hispana en Carolina del Norte para el año 2005

1. Que cada pastor y lider se identifique plenamente con la conferencia en cuando a su sentido de pertenencia, apoyo a las actividades y cumplimiento de sus responsabilidades.
2. Que haya un desarrollo y crecimiento aun mayor en el desempeño de las funciones personales, familiares y ministeriales de cada ministro, en un marco de entrenamiento provisto por nuestra conferencia.
3. Motivar la visión y acción evangelizadora en cada iglesia para el alcance de su ciudad y el plantamiento de nuevas iglesias.
4. Orar, identificar y capacitar 15 nuevos líderes en diferentes áreas ministeriales, especialmente con llamado al pastorado.
5. Lograr un mayor acercamiento de todos los ministros con el comité de liderazgo hispano para una cooperación y unidad de esfuerzos y recursos a fin de fortalecer la obra hispana dentro de la Conferencia.
6. Iniciar y establecer 15 nuevas congregaciones hispanas, uniendo los esfuerzos, recursos y personal de iglesias y pastores.
7. Promover, ayudando a fortalecer y sostener la unidad de pensamiento general en cuando a la doctrina y otras creencias de las Escrituras, entre los pastores y líderes de la Conferencia.
8. Lograr levantar el interés y el apoyo, aun mayor entre los pastores e iglesias, en los programas de misiones de la Conferencia.
9. Buscar y promover un mejor respaldo financiero, y un mejor sistema de sostenimiento para cada pastor y su familia en las iglesias locales.
10. Alcanzar un nivel mayor de unidad entre los pastores y líderes, dándose el ambiente de apoyo mutuo, oración, relaciones y conocimiento de la realidad ministerial de cada uno.

Siento el llamado intenso de alcanzar a nuestro estado con la predicación del Evangelio estableciento iglesias, discipulando nuestros miembros y formando líderes con llamado para que sean pastores para la gente. Dios esta buscando líderes que apacienten Su pueblo, lo cuiden, lo lleven al desarrollo y crecimiento hacia la madurez en Cristo y a la conquista de su cuidad para el reino de Dios.

En las siguientes escrituras encontramos el llamado y la exhortación de Dios por líderes que apacienten su pueblo: Jeremías 3:15, Juan 21:15-17, Hechos 20:28, y Efesios 4:11-12.

- Líderes que ayuden al pueblo del Señor a que piensen lo que Dios es capaz de hacer en las vidas de ellos; que piensen de una manera mejor, con excelencia, victoria y triunfo.
- Líderes que guíen al pueblo de Dios y lo ayuden a eliminar vendas legalistas, a despertar para volver a lo básico y la pasión por una genuina experiencia con Dios.
- Líderes que conduzcan a la gente a pastos frescos de la Palabra para alcanzar su potencial en Dios.
- Líderes que afinen el oído para oir la voz de Dios, amen a la gente y los impulsen más allá del nivel de sus sueños.
- Líderes que desarrollen otros líderes para compartir la visión, aliviar la carga del ministerio, trabajar con excelencia unidad y respeto.

Proyecta el tiempo por venir, establece tus metas, escucha la voz de Dios acerca de lo que el quiere en tu vida personal, tu familia, tu iglesia y la comunidad y lánzate a alcanzarlas, por que el poder y la gracia de Dios esta contigo. "...Haz todo lo que tienes en tu corazón..." (1 Samuel 14:7; 2 Samuel 7:3)

NOTICIAS

Trayendo INE a nuestro estado

INE es el Instituto Nacional de Entrenamiento para líderes hispanos. La primera clase será el 21 y 22 de enero en Falcon con la materia "Doctrinas Básicas" enseñada por el profesor Fernando Angulo. No se pierda

esta oportunidad de prepararse bien y también darle a sus líderes la bendición de recibir un entrenamiento de alta calidad para un mejor desempeño de sus funciones como obreros en la iglesia. Más información llame a (910) 980-1162 y (910) 897-4404 con Luis o Lilliana Avila.

PROJECTING THE COMING TIME

Planning for the future is not bad thing, mainly when we are planning with faith, vision and expectation, waiting for God's will, power, and grace. Establishing goals is very important in order to help us have a direction to follow, but we need to ensure that God's will is in all we want to reach. It is not our personal desires, much less to reach personal glory, but what pleases God, brings Him glory and builds His people.

My heart, my vision, my resources, and my energy are directed toward achieving the following purposes, which we wanted to reach in our pastors and churches in the North Carolina Conference for 2005. I believe that with faith, vision, and our work as a team, we will achieve them.

Purposes of the Hispanic Ministry in the North Carolina Conference for 2005

1. For each pastor and leader to identify completely with the conference in their sense of ownership, support of activities, and execution of responsibilities.
2. Development and growth in the personal, family, and ministerial functions of each minister, by means of our training.
3. Motivate vision and action to evangelize in each church for the purpose of reaching their cities and planting new churches.
4. Pray, identify, and train 15 new leaders in several ministerial areas, especially in the area of pastoring.
5. Reach the goal of all ministers having a closer relationship with the Hispanic Committee for cooperation and unity of efforts and resources in order to strengthen the Hispanic work inside the conference.
6. Begin and establish 15 new Hispanic congregations, uniting the efforts, resources, and personnel of churches and pastors.
7. Promote and help to strengthen and sustain general unity of thought about the doctrine and other beliefs of the Bible, among the pastors and leaders of the conference.
8. Raise interest in and support of the missions programs among pastors and churches of the conference.
9. Look for and promote better financial support and a better system of maintenance for each pastor and his or her family in the local churches.
10. Reach a greater level of unity among the pastors and leaders, creating an atmosphere of mutual support, prayer, relationships, and knowledge of the ministerial reality of each one.

I feel the intense call to reach our state with preaching the gospel, planting new churches, discipling our members, and forming leaders with the call to be pastors for the people. God is looking and calling leaders to feed the people of God, guide them to development and growth toward maturity in Christ, and conquer their cities for the Kingdom of God.

In the following scriptures, we find the call and exhortation of God for leaders who feed the people of God: Jeremiah 3:15; John 21:15-17; Acts 20:28; and Ephesians 4:11-12.

- Leaders who help the people of the Lord think God is able to do great things in their lives so that they think in a better way, with excellence, victory, and triumph.
- Leaders who guide the people of God and help them to eliminate legalistic bondage, to wake up in order to return to the basics and to passion for a genuine experience with God.
- Leaders who lead the people to fresh pastures of the Word in order to reach their potential in God.
- Leaders who tune their hearing in order to hear the voice of God, love the people, and impel them beyond the level of their dreams.
- Leaders who develop other leaders in order to share the vision, help with the ministry, and work with excellence, unity, and respect.

You, as a leader, project the coming time; establish your goals; listen to the voice of God about what He wants in your personal life, your family, your church, and your community; and go to reach them with the power and the grace of God that is in you.

"Do all that you have in mind." (1 Samuel 14: 7; 2 Samuel 7: 3)

NEWS

Bringing INE to our Conference

INE is the National Training Institute for Hispanic leaders. The first class will be on January 21 and 22 in Falcon on the subject of "Basic Doctrines," taught by the Rev. Fernando Angulo. Don't miss this opportunity to get well prepared and also to give your local leaders the opportunity to receive this high quality training for the best performance of their ministry in your local church. For more information, please call (910) 980-1162, (910) 897-4404 Luis or Lilliana Avila.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

"Yes, Lord" in 2005

Here we are at the threshold of a brand-new year filled with promise, prospect, and potential. The year just concluded was indeed a great year for the North Carolina Conference and the IPHC, and now as we stand excitedly at the new year, I pray we can respond and proceed with vision, energy, and strategy to achieve the possibilities that await the NC Conference.

Our theme for 2005 is "Yes, Lord" to what He wills and plans for us. Peter said in Luke 5, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net". This is a challenge and call to us to say, "Yes, Lord" to whatever His plans and directions are for us.

First, in 2005, let's say, "Yes, Lord" to a closer, more intimate relationship with our Lord. Nothing else matters in life unless I have a growing, deepening relationship with the Lord and Savior of my life. Numbers two, three and four matter little, or will bear no fruit, unless my relationship with the Lord is maturing. I challenge you to say, "Yes Lord" to a growing relationship with Him.

Second, when my relationship with Him is growing, deepening, and maturing, then I must further say, "Yes, Lord" to developing and deepening relationships with the people in my life, namely, my marital relationship, my family relationships, and my relationships with all the people who are a part of my existence. We cannot be fruitful without strong, lasting, and growing relationships with people. A pastor once said, "I don't mind preaching; it's people I don't want to deal with." How sad a statement! Unless I make a choice to strengthen relationships with people and make new ones, then I cannot fulfill the challenge to say, "Yes, Lord."

Third, say yes to a renewed vision and motivation regarding our call to ministry. Every born-again child of God has a call to ministry. Every one of us is given abilities and skills by God, some more, some less, yet God has gifted us to fulfill ministry in our lives. I challenge you to find God's place of service/ministry in the body. Pastors, I challenge you to develop the skills of your people, help them to identify their spiritual gifts in the body and **"let them go"** to fulfill their purpose, plan, and place in your local body.

We stand ready in Evangelism/World Missions Ministries to assist you with resources to put into your hands to "equip the saints for the work of ministry". Many IPHC members in our churches are willing and waiting to serve. As pastors, we can lessen the strain, stress, and responsibility we presently shoulder if we will only help our people find their places of service. There's an army sitting in our pews!

Fourth, say yes to the projected vision of the North Carolina Conference. We cannot rest on our accomplishments as a denomination or conference. The harvest is abundant and ripe. Our goals in 2005 are to have spiritual growth and harvest of souls in every church, to train our people to actively join the harvest, to birth/plant 15 new churches, to see existing churches catch the vision to "mother churches," to have another great participation in the "Model Church Strategy" training, to see every church develop a strong and growing missions ministry, to have 100% participation in missions giving, and to reach $1.6 million in total missions giving. We are a family, and team effort (working together) is our goal for this year. I look forward to the challenges, and I look forward to working with each one of our pastors and their congregations.

MISSION M25

Mission M25 is a new ministry of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (Evangelism USA), and the North Carolina Conference (Evangelism Department).

In Matthew 25, Jesus predicted that one day He will say these words, "I was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, and in prison...." He said that some will ask Him when they saw Him this way and offered food, drink, shelter, clothing, and visits. He said that He will say, "To the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me" (NAS).

There are four ministries under the umbrella of Mission M25:

- Jail/Prison Ministry
- Rehabilitation/Recovery Ministry
- Homeless/Hungry Ministry
- Motorcycle Club/Biker Ministry

The first "Mission M25 Celebration" meeting will be held on January 29, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Culbreth Memorial Church in Falcon. Pastors, will you announce this meeting to your church?

Our goal is to equip local churches for Mission M25 ministries. We want to provide training, appropriate recognition, support, and fellowship. We want to encourage participation in these ministries. Pastors, please consider appointing someone to lead this ministry of your church under your direction.

We have four "Missions Equippers" on our team:

- Rev. Fay Page – Peniel Church – Jail/Prison Ministry
- Ms. Janice Schoew – The Capital Church – Rehabilitation/Recovery Ministry
- Mr. Sam Jones – Kinston First Church – Homeless/Hungry Ministry
- Mr. Earl Haddock – Family Life Tabernacle Church – Motorcycle Club/Biker Ministry

Our Mission Equippers will be leading training sessions at our meetings. Any member of our team will be glad to visit your church when invited.

For more information, please call Rev. Steve Enloe, "Conference Point Man," at 910-425-7474. See you on January 29 at 9:00 a.m. at Culbreth Memorial in Falcon.

Steve Enloe,
Mission M25 Ministry

N.C. Conference Schedule

GREAT COMMISSION MEALS 2005

"Investing in Eternity"

Thursday	**January 20**	**12:00 noon**	**Ernie's Buffet (Hwy 421)**	**Dunn**
Thursday	**January 20**	**6:30 p.m.**	**Wilson First Fellowship Hall**	**Wilson**
Friday	**January 21**	**12:00 noon**	**Wallace First**	**Wallace**
Friday	**January 21**	**6:30 p.m.**	**Pikes Cross Roads**	**Goldsboro**
Monday	**January 24**	**12:00 noon**	**Fire Mountain**	**Garner**
Monday	**January 24**	**6:30 p.m.**	**Mount Carmel**	**Fayetteville**
Tuesday	**January 25**	**12:00 noon**	**Golden Coral**	**Morehead City**
Tuesday	**January 25**	**6:30 p.m.**	**New Bern First**	**New Bern**
Wednesday	**January 26**	**6:30 p.m.**	**Nueva Jerusalem *(Spanish)***	**McGhees X Rd.**
Thursday	**January 27**	**12:00 noon**	**Cobb's Restaurant**	**Williamston**
Thursday	**January 27**	**6:30 p.m.**	**Saint Paul**	**Greenville**
Monday	**January 31**	**6:30 p.m.**	**Living Faith Fellowship**	**Rocky Mount**
Tuesday	**February 1**	**6:30 p.m.**	**Elizabethtown PHC**	**Elizabethtown**
Wednesday	**February 2**	**6:30 p.m.**	**Oasis (*Spanish*)**	**Greenville**

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With God We Produce Results Through Prayer

Prayer produces change; change is produced by the power of God, which is activated by the prayer of faith.

When the Bible invites us, exhorts us, encourages us to pray, it is in order to bring changes in people, in circumstances, and facts in our surroundings. I want to show some examples of what I am telling you that we can see in the Bible:

- **1 Timothy 2:1-3** – "Supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks [should] be made for all men ... that may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."
- **Mark 14:38** – "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation."
- **Ephesians 6:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5: 25** – "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" helps us with victory, and "being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" helps us in our personal lives.
- **Colossians 4:3-4** tells us that prayer produces the opening of doors for the Word with the purpose of speaking the mystery of Christ.
- **2 Thessalonians 3:1-2** tells us that prayer helps the "Word of the Lord ... run swiftly and be glorified," while those who take the Word "may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men." We could also think of structures, arguments, philosophies, and systems that impede the advance of the Word of God, all of which could be defeated by prayer.

If we look at **James 5:16**, the second part, we will find the following:

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." This provides a tremendous power that is available and dynamic in all things.

The word *effective* means powerful, active, and operative. An effective prayer is a serious, fervent, and energetic prayer that produces results.

When our prayer is full of faith, intensity, and sincerity and is of the Holy Spirit, it makes things happen; our prayers are effective.

So we make prayers full of faith, intense, daring, permanent, and sincere, and we wait for tremendous results.

Prayer for the Year 2005

The year 2005 will bring many challenges that require boldness, faith, and audacity, everything which should be based on the powerful God who uses our prayers in order to produce big changes, so be focused on:

- Prayer that brings restoration to the church.
- Prayer that returns to the church the boldness and ability to use spiritual weapons in order to fight the battle and push back the enemy of the individual, family, and national life in this country.
- Prayer that brings the church to the basic foundation of simple faith in God and in His Word, believing and acting according to that faith.
- Prayer that lights, spreads, and maintains the fire of passion for a genuine experience with God.
- Prayer that enlightens understanding in the people of God of who they are, what they have, and what they can do through God: "chosen generation," "royal priesthood," "holy nation," "His own special people," the people called to accomplish the mission of ministry and announce "the virtues of Christ" to the world – the virtue of His love, the virtue of salvation, the virtue of sanity, the virtue of liberty.
- Prayer that produces hunger in people to live in righteousness, hunger for the Word of God, hunger to serve God, and hunger to be used by God.
- Prayer that produces in the leadership of the church sharpness of understanding, width of vision and the ability to reach out, moving in the time of God. (See 1 Chronicles 12:32.)
- Prayer that destroys the strength of wickedness and makes gaps in the liberal mentality of our society so that the Word of God can get in, settle down, and produce the fruits of the justice of God.

People of God, people of prayer are agents of change that celebrate the results of a powerful, clamorous movement that affects and touches the life of our country in all areas. With God, we produce results through prayer.

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

I wanted to share exciting news with you about Farmville, Spring of Living Water Church, with Pastor Tim Leggett. October 31, 2004, marked the fourth anniversary for Lost and Found Christian Youth Center Inc. Superintendent Chris Thompson was on hand to celebrate the anniversary and also to dedicate the new building. The morning celebration service was an opportunity to thank God and reflect on how He has helped them fulfill the vision of the center. The mayor of Farmville and superintendent of Pitt County public schools were in attendance as well. The mission of "changing our homes, community, and world one child at a time" has been the driving force behind all the efforts, time and labor. The following article will shed more light on the center.

Lost and Found Youth Center is even better after latest renovations

by Michael Barrett
Managing Editor

Four years ago, the Lost and Found Youth Center wasn't much of a safe place for young teenagers to hang out. It was more like a year-round haunted house.

The transformation of the building on Belcher Street since then has been dramatic. Strolling through the inside now, one would never guess how much work members of Spring of Living Water Pentecostal Holiness Church put into making their dream come true.

But husband-and-wife copastors Tim and Vanessa Leggett have the video to prove how much things have changed. And their faithful recording of the renovation from the very first day makes the progress all the more satisfying whenever they pop the tape in the VCR.

"Before we had central heat and air, we'd put plastic up in the ceiling to hold the heat in," Tim said during a walkthrough on Friday.

Modern air conditioning is just one of the most recent improvements that have been made. As part of a $54,000 project over the last year, the center has also added new bathrooms, suspended ceilings, and electrical work. Permanent walls and glass-paned double doors were installed to form separate rooms for doing homework and lifting weights.

While the church once had to rent the building, they have since purchased it and relocated their sanctuary in a remodeled room at the back of the center.

The upgrades have only increased the center's ability to fulfill its mission of reaching out to youngsters. Middle and high school students have a safe place to go that provides a positive Christian environment and is devoid of many of the challenges today's young adults face, such as the pressure to use drugs or alcohol.

That program is mainly carried out on Friday nights from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., when the center is open to kids over the age of 10 (children under 10 must be chaperoned). Anywhere from 60 to 100 youngsters have been known to fill the building, where they can socialize, watch movies and play games such as pool or air hockey.

When the center hosts Christian music concerts occasionally, participation has been known to jump as high as 150.

Tim Leggett said the goal is to provide a secular product that is fueled by a spiritual ministry. Though Spring of Living Water's ministry is geared more toward a younger audience, they don't try to convince kids to attend regular services there. "Our agenda is to give them an alternative place to come – an alternative group that cares," Leggett said. "The rest is up to them."

Youth Pastor Robert Sharpe, who administers the Friday activities along with two to three other staff members each week, said their primary target is kids who haven't had a lot of exposure to church. Most of Sharpe's job involves just hanging out with the Friday group and occasionally talking with any youngsters who need a word of encouragement due to problems in their lives.

"When I was their age, I didn't know who Christ was, and I made a lot of mistakes. You just try to give them a positive mind-set," said Sharpe, who is a former police officer. "It's a challenge at times, but it's also very rewarding."

At about 8:30 p.m. each Friday, Sharpe leads everyone at the center in a devotion that consists of a brief prayer and moment of reflection.

Beyond the Friday evening schedule, Lost and Found Youth Center also operates an after-school program that serves 36 kids now, mostly between grades 3 and 6. The cost is based on family income, and an emphasis is placed on schoolwork. "We make sure the kids have their homework done by the time their parents pick them up," Leggett said.

In the future, Leggett said their hope is to expand the center's programs and involve more churches in its operation. "We want the facility to be used around the clock," he said. "Hopefully it will eventually be open 24 hours a day."

Registration Form – CEM Convention

March 4-5, 2005
Falcon, N.C.
Conference Tabernacle

Guest Speaker – Stan Toler

Vibrant Church

Registration: The Friday evening session with Stan Toler is FREE and open to anyone. This does not require preregistration.

Cost: Early registration by Friday, February 25, 2005, is $10.00 per person, or $15.00 at the door. Your church may send an unlimited number of folks for just $100 if preregistered, or $150 at the door. Those who preregister will receive a free copy of Dr. Toler's book, *God Is Never Late; He's Seldom Early; He's Always Right On Time.*

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"Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone."

~ Psalm 33:22

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

The Greatest Book on Leadership: The Bible

For years now, I have tried to read the Bible through. I began when I was fourteen years old. My daily goal is a couple of chapters in the Old Testament, one in the New Testament, five Psalms, and one chapter in Proverbs. My basic Bible is the King James Version. However, it is not the original Bible, but a translation written nearly 1600 years after the Bible was completed. In recent years, I have endeavored to read and study a different translation (not paraphrase) each year. I never tire of reading the Bible. It is new every day. God's word breathes life into my soul and life. I want to know what the Bible is saying.

Last year, I purchased a new study Bible, *The Maxwell Leadership Bible* (Thomas Nelson Publishers). It is the Bible I will read and study for 2005, a fantastic study Bible.

I have provided a copy of the Bible for the conference board and for each conference department head. Each of these leaders has been encouraged to read the Bible through together. As we read, we will focus on the "21 Laws of Leadership," the "21 Qualities of Leadership," the "Issues of Leadership," and the various "Profiles of Leaders."

Our theme for 2005 is "Yes, Lord!" It is only appropriate that the leaders of the conference listen to the Lord. His Word is full of leadership lessons. The Lord is the ultimate leader. Who could possibly teach us more about leadership than the Lord Himself? The Bible reveals the principle of leadership by the one who invented them.

George Barna asserts, "Leadership remains one of the glaring needs of the church. People are often willing to follow God's vision, but too frequently they have no exposure to either vision or true leadership." Just a few years ago, Barna penned some sobering conclusions based on his research: "After fifteen years of digging into the world around me, I have reached several conclusions regarding the future of the Christian church in America. The central conclusion is that the American church is dying due to lack of strong leadership. In this time of unprecedented opportunity and plentiful resources, the church is actually losing influence. The primary reason is the lack of leadership...Nothing is more important than leadership."

The Lord is the ultimate leader. He calls every believer to lead others. He has called us to participate and to lead others as we follow Him. The Lord chose to use as leaders human beings whom He created. They possess spirits and the capacity to relate to Him and follow Him. Through this leadership, His kingdom is perfected.

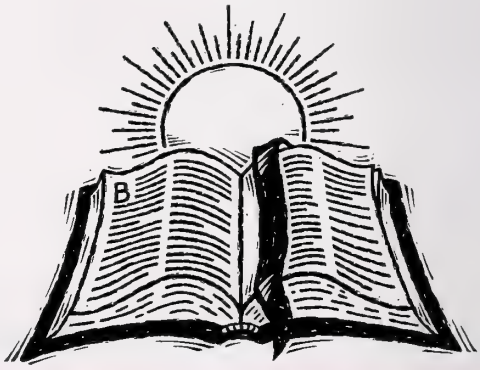
Listen to Maxwell in his introduction: "The call to leadership is a consistent pattern in the Bible. When God decided to raise up a nation of His own, He didn't call upon the masses. He called out one leader – Abraham. When He wanted to deliver His people out of Egypt, He didn't guide them as a group; He raised up a leader to do it – Moses. When it came time for the people to cross into the Promised Land, they followed one man – Joshua. Every time God desires to do something great, He calls a leader to step forward. Today He still calls leaders to step forward for every great work."

God is daily perfecting miracles in our conference. He desires to do even more in 2005. In many ways, 2005 will be a year of miracles.

It is my desire to be a better leader – one approved by Him. I desire to learn from the best leaders who ever lived – the men and women in the Bible. Join the conference leadership and me in our quest for God and His leadership in 2005. Read the Bible with us.

What follows is the schedule we will follow and the focus on leadership during that section of Scripture. In the concluding pages of *The Maxwell Study Bible*, Maxwell lists the "Leadership Laws," "Leadership Qualities," "Leadership Issues," and "Leadership Profiles." All of these have various scriptures listed and where they are discussed within the Bible.

God bless. Enjoy the year!



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2005 – "Yes, Lord" A YEAR OF MIRACLES Hearing From His Words!

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January 19	Genesis Matthew	Law of Influence Quality of Charisma Issues and Profile
February 17	Exodus, Leviticus Finish Matthew Mark Luke 1–10	Law of Intuition Law of Inner Circle Quality of Communication Quality of Vision Issues and Profile
March 15	Numbers, Deuteronomy Finish Luke John	Law of Navigation Law of Connection Quality of Passion Quality of Positive Attitude Issues and Profile
April 19	Joshua, Judges Ruth, 1 Samuel Acts	Law of Respect Law of Magnetism Quality of Commitment Quality of Competence Issues and Profile
May 12	2 Samuel, 1 Kings Romans 1 Corinthians 1-10	Law of the Lid Law of the Big MO Quality of Discernment Quality of Courage Issues and Profiles
June 16	2 Kings, 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Finish 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians	Law of Reproduction Law of Legacy Quality of Responsibility Quality of Generosity Issues and Profile
July 14	Ezra, Nehemiah Esther, Job Galatians Ephesians Philippians	The Law of the Buy In The Law of Timing Quality of Focus Quality of Listening Issue and Profile
August 16	Psalms Colossians 1 and 2 Thessalonians	The Law of Solid Ground The Law of Priorities Quality of Security Quality of Self Discipline Issues and Profile
September 15	Proverbs, Ecc. Song of Solomon Isaiah 1–40 1 and 2 Timothy Titus	The Law of Explosive Growth The Law of E.F. Hutton Quality of Problem Solving Quality of Relationships Issues and Profiles
October 13	Finish Isaiah Jeremiah, Lamentations Philemon, Hebrews James	Law of Process Law of Sacrifice Quality of Servanthood Quality of Teachability Issue and Profiles
November 17	Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea 1 and 2 Peter 1, 2, 3 John, Jude	The Law of Empowerment Quality of Character Issues and Profiles
December 15	Joel, Amos, Obadiah Jonah, Micah, Nahum Habakkuk , Zechariah, Haggai, Zephaniah Malachi, Revelation	Law of Victory Quality of Initiative Issues and Profiles

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Preaching With Bold Assurance: A Solid and Enduring Approach to Engaging Exposition

Hershael W. York and Bert Decker. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers. 275 pages.

The challenge to preach effective, life-transforming messages in a day when the necessity of biblical preaching is being questioned could never be greater than in the 21st century because of the cultural, political, global, and spiritual forces at work. Little wonder – it's as in the days of Ezekiel the prophet, who needed a glimpse of God's glory and majesty to encourage him to preach the unadulterated Word of God among "the briers and thorns and dwell among the scorpions" who would resist God's truth and prove whether the man of God was even God-called or not; the Lord knew that Ezekiel would need courage, stamina, and determination to follow His guidance and serve as His mouthpiece. Ninety-three times in Ezekiel's book he is called "son of man," undoubtedly referring to his frailties and weaknesses ever reminding him just how desperately he was in need of God's powerful touch to preach with holy conviction. Ezekiel learned that without God and His Spirit, there is no effective preaching. Ministers today need all the encouragement, exhortation, and instruction in God-given principles they can receive in order to proclaim God's message to the world.

The authors of this book focus on the three elements of effective preaching: (1) understanding the text (2) building the sermon, and (3) engaging the audience. The man or woman who masters these elements while completely depending upon the Lord will have the confidence and skill to preach effectively, making a difference in the lives of the hearers. Much of what is included in this publication may be found in other, similar homiletic books, but what makes this book different is the freshness and clarity of reasoning that grabs you and makes you consider the content and force of what they are saying. Wouldn't you expect a book on how to become a better communicator to communicate well? What York and Decker present makes good sense. No empty promises can be found within these pages. The authors engage the reader to consider the necessary elements of preaching for the purpose of gaining bold assurance in preaching. The pulpit is no place for a lack of preparedness. "Our message, our audience, and our Lord deserve our best efforts and planning." It is no place for a paralyzing, fearful heart. The preacher represents the God of the universe. Bold assurance is a by-product of knowing that great God, being empowered by Him, and having the skills and confidence to preach His infallible and impeccable Word. In a day when commitment is low and presumption high, it is like a breath of fresh air to hear credible ministers who stand tall and possess the assurance, competence, and convicting passion to preach the bitter, sweet, timely, and timeless Word of God.

The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church

by Reggie McNeal. San Francisco, California: Jossey Bass Publishers. 151 pages.

Talk about thinking outside the box! McNeal grabs the reader by the shoulders and shakes, rattles, and disturbs in ways that stir the mind and heart of the caring believer by contending against some old church-growth assumptions and debunking some major myths held near and dear by some church leaders. At first, you ask yourself, "Where is this guy coming from?" and question, debate, and struggle with the issues, only to come back for some more and study what he is telling any and all who will listen. In fact, McNeal advises that if the reader is comfortable with the status quo of doing church work, his book will only agitate and frustrate. If this is true of any reader, he forewarns him to put the book down.

The author challenges such assumptions as (1) If you build the perfect church, they will come; (2)

Growing your church will automatically make a difference in the community; (3) Developing better church members will result in greater evangelism; (4) The church needs more workers (for church work); (5) Church involvement results in discipleship; and (6) Better planning will get you where you want to go (in terms of missional effectiveness).

In light of these assumptions, McNeal presents six tough questions that include (1) How do we convert from "Churchianity" to Christianity? (2) How do we transform our communities? (Translation: How do we hit the streets with the Gospel?) (3) How do we turn members into missionaries? (4) How do we develop followers of Jesus? (5) How do we prepare for the future? and (6) How do we develop leaders for the Christian movement?

Behind these challenges and questions is the author's premise that the church is in need of a mission fix. In other words, many churches have lost sight of the purpose of the church in the world of today. Many pastors and church leaders build institutional religion instead of attracting sinners to Jesus Christ. McNeal aptly states, "The Church was created to be the people of God to join Him in His redemptive mission in the world. The church was never intended to exist for itself. It was and is the chosen instrument of God to expand His Kingdom...the church as the bride of Christ in union with Him is designed for reproduction, the growth of the kingdom. Jesus does not teach His disciples to pray, 'Thy church come.' The kingdom is the destination."

The author considers the Pharisees of Jesus' day, relating how their religion prevented them from knowing the one true God. Their ladder of success was leaning against the wrong wall. Instead of keeping their eyes on the harvest, they kept their eyes on the Law, adding to and corrupting it with their own carnal additions. No wonder Jesus was such a problem with them, resulting in His eventual death on the Cross!

Any Bible-believing Christian will admit that if any church does not focus on missiology, then it is disobedient to the Great Commission. The Church exists to continue what Jesus began to do and to teach. Church leaders should find ways to build bridges to the culture and to sinners without losing the Church's purpose and vitality.

By all means, if you are concerned with the missional direction and cultural significance of the church, then read this provocative yet extremely pragmatic publication. But be prepared to have your cage rattled and a dose of smelling salts placed near your nose to awaken you to an uncharted realism. Happy Reading!

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY/ MARCH

Rev. Harold Turpin	February 1
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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

Dear Women of God,

May I ask you a question? *What is love?*

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4- to 8-year-olds: "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think…

- *When my grandma got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails any more. So my grandpa does it for her now all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.* (Rebecca, age 8)
- *When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouths.* (Billy, age 4)
- *Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.* (Terri, age 4)
- *Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is okay.* (Danny, age 7)
- *If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.* (Nikka, age 6)
- *Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.* (Mary Ann, age 4)
- *Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.* (Bobby, age 7)

And the winner was a 4-year-old child whose next-door neighbor was an elderly man who had just lost his wife. When the child saw the man cry, the little boy went over into the man's yard and climbed on the man's lap and just sat there. When the boy's mother asked him what he'd said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

May His love shine through each of you.

"Mrs. Patsy"

Shiloh (Wilson District) Women's Ministries Christmas Party

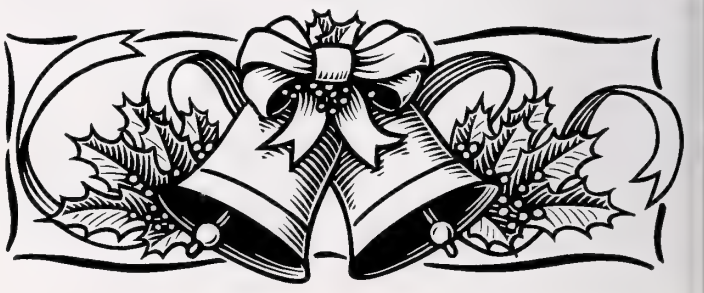
On December 4, 2004, the Shiloh Women's Ministries had a Christmas Party at the Jarman House in Wilson, North Carolina. We had a buffet breakfast in this quaint old restaurant, which is in a historic house. This house serves lunch only Monday through Friday, but parties can be booked on the weekend, and you have the restaurant to yourselves. We had 35 ladies in attendance.

We also had a cookie exchange instead of gifts. Each lady baked her favorite cookie and also had the recipe printed for each with the help of Mrs. Sandy Wood, our pastor's wife. When the table was set, it was a beautiful array of cookies, and each lady went home with 35 different cookies and 35 different recipes. It was great!

The devotion was on different kinds of Christmas ornaments, which included the ugly ornament, the broken ornament, the boxed-up ornament, and the beautiful ornament. It was related to our spiritual lives each day and what type of ornament we are for Christ. The question was, "How is our ornament hanging?" The devotion was by Teresa Woodard, Wilson District WM director.

This was a wonderful time of fellowship, and all our ladies had a great time!

—Teresa Woodard
NCWM Wilson District Director



Missionettes Leadership Training

Praise God and glorify His Holy Name! The Missionettes Leadership Training was held on Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23, 2004, in Falcon. It was awesome! The ladies worshiped and allowed the Lord to bless them as Nichole Turransky led our praise and worship. His sweet spirit fell in a mighty way! This same sweet spirit continued to flow through all we did. Althea Myers, missionary to Africa, spoke to us on how "My Love Touches Children" (MLTC), following with an awesome council fire and communion led by Rev. Janice Marshburn.

The team from Westmoreland P.H. Church did a wonderful job preparing breakfast and lunch on Saturday. In addition to the training, we heard wonderful God-inspired messages from Rev. Patsy Vaughan and Rev. Terry Whittenton. Everyone just floated on Gods' Glory that weekend.

I praise Him for all that He does, and I sit in awe at His mighty works that He is doing in and through the North Carolina Girls' Ministries.

I want to give a great big "thanks" to all who were involved in making this MLT a huge success.

I am excited and looking forward to God's moving in our spring training, which is scheduled for April 22-23, 2005. Please mark this date on your calendar.

—Mrs. Bobbi McNeese
NCGM Conference Coordinator

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"Partners in Ministry"

Did You Call?

Through the Bible, His Word, Jesus speaks to our hearts and gives us directions, letting us know what He expects of us. The message He gives is powerful, direct, and *real!*

As a leader of men, I find that one scripture really stands out to me: *Matthew 4:19 – "He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

One day, a really long time ago, Jesus came upon some men fishing and spoke these words to them. Immediately, those men left what they were doing and went with Him. These men who answered His call became great followers of Jesus and great leaders of men.

Today, Jesus is calling *us* to follow him! He is calling some to be pastors, some evangelists, some missionaries, some teachers, some deacons, and some laymen. Jesus has called *all* of us to be disciples and take His word to all the people with whom we come in contact daily. Not only are we to be witnesses to the lost, but we are also to be disciples within our church.

God's people are so busy these days, it seems they are failing to hear and heed Jesus' call. They don't seem to have time to worship Him, much less go "fishing for men." *I don't want to be too busy to follow Jesus!*

So as God has called me to follow Him, let me challenge all of *you* to join in and follow Jesus. Let us begin by taking time to fellowship with one another, pray for one another, help one another, and worship God with one another.

The Men's Ministries Board would like to reach out to all the churches in the North Carolina Conference and help you answer Jesus' call. We can do this only if you call on us. We will come and speak to your church or to your men at their monthly meetings. If you would like to know more, please call me at 252-523-8380.

Your servant in Christ,
Ronnie Basden

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Believe and Belong

"You are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." (Eph.2:19b, LB)

God's family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. (1 Tim. 3:15b, GWT)

As believers, we are called to believe and belong. We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, formed for family. We cannot fulfill God's purpose alone (Gen. 2:18).

The Bible states that we are:

Put together	1 Cor. 12:12.
Joined together	Eph. 2:21.
Built together	Eph. 2:22.
Members together	Eph. 3:6.
Heirs together	Eph. 3:6.
Fitted together	Eph. 4:16.
Held together	Col. 2:19.
Caught up together	1 Thes. 4:17.

As a believer, you need to remember that:

- You are not your own anymore (1 Cor. 6:19; Rom 14:7, 8).
- Your relationship to Christ is *personal* but not *private*.
- In God's family, you are connected to every other believer.
- In Christ, many form one (Rom. 12:5).
- In Christ, we don't all have the same function (Rom.12:4, 5).

The word *member* means a vital organ of a living body, an indispensable, interconnected part of the Body of Christ. The *church* is a body, not a building; an organism, not an organization.

You must be connected to fulfill your purpose. You need to be attached to a living, local body. To discover your role in life, you should be connected to *God* and *others*.

Rom. 12:4, 5 (*The Message*): "Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we?"

We can discover our role in life through our relationship with God and others.

Some symptoms of spiritual decline are:

1. Inconsistent attendance at worship services
2. Inconsistent attendance at other gatherings of believers
3. Lack of personal prayer and devotion.

Note that when we become careless about fellowship, everything else begins to slide too.

The church is God's agenda (Matt. 16:18).
The church is so significant that Jesus died for it (Eph. 5:25).
The church is the Bride of Christ (Rev. 19:7), the Body of Christ.
The church is your family. We need to care and love our spiritual family. "Love the brotherhood of believers." (1Peter 2:17b)

Belonging to the body of Christ is a joy, privilege, and responsibility. Our partnership in prayer and fellowship this year is necessary in order to accomplish the work of the Kingdom. I would like to exhort each local WIN captain or pastor to schedule a time of prayer at the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon, North Carolina. These times of prayer as a conference and church body will bring unity, agreement, power, direction, revelation of God's will, and many answers in 2005. The Abiding In Him Church took the first prayer watch of the year, Friday January 21, 2005. We need churches to sign up so we can cover the rest of the year.

Also, remember Festivals of Praise in May and June. We are asking you to set aside one day of a church service, dedicated to worship and praise God.

Please remember to mark your calendars for our next WIN Prayer Conference that will held on Saturday, November 5, 2005, in Falcon.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

FELICITACIONES IGLESIA HISPANA DE PINE LEVEL

Felicitamos a los pastores Carlos y Anna Nunez y su preciosa congregación, por los avances en el reino de Dios que han hecho desde que empezaron la obra en ese lugar. El pasado 16 de diciembre la iglesia fue organizada. Fue un glorioso servicio, en el cual fue confirmado el glorioso futuro que la iglesia tiene en crecimiento y en el impacto que están haciendo y seguirán haciendo en la comunidad y en otros lugares. Agradecemos al Senor por lo que esta haciendo por medio de estos grandes pastores Carlos y Anna.

EVENTOS POR VENIR

Sentimos la necesidad de anunciar por todos los medios posibles acerca de nuestros eventos y sabemos que muchos de nuestros pastores reciben y leen la revista *Evangel*, por lo cual deseamos recordar lo siguiente:

1. El depto. De Evangelismo les recuerda a todos nuestros pastores, directores de misiones y obreros en general la próxima reunión de "Comida Promisiones" Esta tendrá lugar en la iglesia hispana Oasis de Esperanza" de Greenville North Carolina el miércoles 2 de febrero.
2. Próximo entrenamiento Hispano en Falcon el 18 y 19 de febrero. Todos los pastores, lideres de las iglesias y miembros que desean seguir aumentando su habilidad de ministrar en forma mas efectiva, estos son las oportunidades para recibir especial enseñanza. Nuestro enfoque para este entrenamiento sera "Las Misiones", mas información sera enviada oportunamente.
3. El gran Rally Hispano los días 1 y 2 de marzo. Todas las iglesias nos reuniremos en dos diferentes lugares para un servicio glorioso de reto, visión y avance. La hermana Carlena West será nuestra oradora invitada para estos dos días.

BIENVENIDOS LOS NUEVOS OBREROS

Somos privilegiados con los nuevos pastores y obreros que han ingresado últimamente a nuestra Conferencia. Sentimos que Dios los ha traído y los consideramos como regalos del Señor para el cuerpo de Cristo. Los siguientes son hermanos que aplicaron para las credenciales y quienes han sido recibidos con gozo y a quienes Dios esta usando en una forma maravillosa. Ellos son:

- José Obed Cruz, ministro local, iglesia de Turkey
- Marlen Erenia Hernández, ministro local, iglesia de Turkey
- Juan Ramos, ministro local, iglesia de Micro
- Silvano Cáceres, pastor, ministro ordenado de la iglesia Vida Nueva de Cary
- Luis Pineda, ministro local, iglesia de Turkey
- Patricia Gonzáles, pastora de la iglesia que esta comenzando en Mount Olive
- Giovanni Pinzon, pastor de la iglesia de Mount Olive
- Marta Garro, ministro local, iglesia de Greenville
- Hector Cordero, ministro local, iglesia de Greenville

SER MIEMBRO DE LA IGLESIA SANTIDAD PENTECOSTAL INTERNACIONAL

Creo que Dios ha usado la Iglesia Santidad Pentecostal para bendecir a millones en muchas partes del mundo. Se que Dios ha estado hablando a nuestra amada iglesia para traer renovación, frescura de visión, enfoque y poder para impactar nuestro entorno. Aun cuando algunos se preguntan por qué ser parte de una denominación, creo que hay varios beneficios en serlo, los cuales me gustaría mencionar en este artículo:

1. Dios nos provee protección al estar bajo autoridad de otros líderes que velan por nosotros.
2. Disponemos de cobertura espiritual, la cual nos ayuda como guía, cuidado y apoyo.
3. Disfrutamos de amistad y confraternidad con los demás ministros, recibiendo a la vez gran fortaleza y consuelo.
4. Somos inspirados para crecer y desafiados con los programas que nos ayudan en enfocarnos en la evangelización, el discipulado y el crecimiento.
5. Recibimos orientación para enfocarnos en las metas y propósitos del futuro en nuestro ministerio personal y el desarrollo de la iglesia local.
6. Nos ayuda a canalizar y catalizar varios recursos.
7. Nos ayuda a descubrir, desarrollar y usar nuestros dones como ministros.
8. Provee protección doctrinal.
9. Nos movemos dentro de un cuerpo de apoyo, con expresiones de amor, aceptación y fe en la persona, sus dones y su potencial.

10. Orientación y apoyo en aspectos legales, financieros, sociales y de otras índoles.

Creo firmemente que Dios nos ayudará a tener la estructura adecuada y la preparación necesaria para ganar nuestro estado para el reino de Dios e influir en el mundo entero, por el poder y la gracia que nos ha sido dado.

CONGRATULATIONS, HISPANIC CHURCH OF PINE LEVEL

We congratulate the pastors, Carlos and Anna Nunez, and their beautiful congregation, for the advances in the Kingdom of God that they have made since beginning the work in that place. The past December 16, the church was organized. It was a glorious service in which the glorious future was confirmed that the church will have in growth and in the impact that they are making and will continue making in the community and in other places. We thank the Lord for the work they are doing. Carlos and Anna are doing a great work.

COMING EVENTS

We feel the necessity of announcing our events by all possible means, and we know many of our leaders are receiving and reading the *Evangel* magazine, for which reason we wanted to remind you of the following:

1. The Evangelism Department reminds all pastors, directors of missions, and workers in general of the next "Missions Meal Meeting." This will take place in the Hispanic church "Oasis of Esperanza" of Greenville, North Carolina, on Wednesday, February 2.
2. The next Hispanic training in Falcon is February 18-19. All pastors, leaders of churches, and members who want to continue increasing their ability to minister in a more effective way, these are opportunities to receive special teaching. Our focus for this training will be "The Missions"; more information will be released as necessary.
3. The great Hispanic Rally, March 1-2. All the churches will meet in two places for a glorious service of challenge, vision, and advance. Sister Carlena West from Oklahoma City is our guest speaker for these two great days.

WELCOME THE NEW MINISTERS

We are privileged to welcome the new ministers who have recently entered our conference. We feel that God has brought them, and we consider them to be gifts of the Lord for the body of Christ. The following are people who applied for credentials and have been received with joy and whom God has been using in a marvelous way. They are:

- José Obed Cruz, local minister, church of Turkey
- Marlen Erenia Hernández, local minister, church of Turkey
- Juan Ramos, local minister, church of Micro
- Silvano Cáceres, pastor, ordained minister of the church New Life in Cary
- Luis Pineda, local minister, church of Turkey
- Patricia Gonzáles, pastor of the church that they are starting in Mount Olive
- Giovanni Pinzon, pastor of the church in Mount Olive
- Marta Garro, local minister, church of Greenville
- Hector Cordero, local minister, church of Greenville

REFLECTION: BEING A MEMBER OF THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

I believe that God has used the Pentecostal Holiness Church to bless millions of people in many parts of the world. I know God has been speaking to our church in order to bring renovation, freshness of vision, focus, and the power of God to impact our environment. Even when some people wonder why we need to be part of a denomination, I believe there are several benefits in being part that I would like to mention in this article:

1. God provides protection upon us; being under authority of other leaders, they look after us.
2. We have spiritual covering, which helps us in guiding, care, and support.
3. We enjoy friendship and fellowship with others ministers, receiving at the same time great strength and comfort.
4. We are inspired to grow and challenged with programs that help us focus on evangelization, discipleship, and church growth.
5. We receive orientation in order to focus us on the goals and purposes of the future in our personal ministry and the development of the local church.
6. It helps to channel and catalyze several resources.
7. It helps us to discover, develop, and use our gifts as ministers.
8. It provides doctrinal protection.
9. We move inside a body of support, with expressions of love, acceptance, and faith in the person, his gifts and his potential.
10. Orientation and support in legal, financial, social, and other aspects.

I believe firmly that God will help us have the appropriate structure and the necessary preparation in order to win our state for the kingdom of God and influence the whole world even more because of the power and grace that has been given us. I thank God for the Pentecostal Holiness Church in the whole world and for what God is doing within the entire denomination.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

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I begin this article with a word of heartfelt thanksgiving and praise to our Lord for all that He has accomplished in the IPHC and in the North Carolina Conference. I also have a great sense of appreciation and gratitude to **you**, the pastors and congregations of this conference for your commitment to the Kingdom and your loyalty to and cooperation with the conference. Because of your concern and efforts as local congregations, there are numerous reports of revivals, revitalizations, and the harvest of new people into the Kingdom this past year. We praise God for 13 organizations/new churches in 2004. Since the beginning of the new year, we already have several prospects for new church plants and organization of new churches on the schedule; God is truly at work. The people and pastors of this, the "oldest" conference in the IPHC, are proving two things: that we are not sitting on past accomplishments and that Eastern North Carolina is not saturated with the gospel. We rejoice in past accomplishments, and we are determined to saturate this conference, state, nation, and world with "Good News" from our Lord.

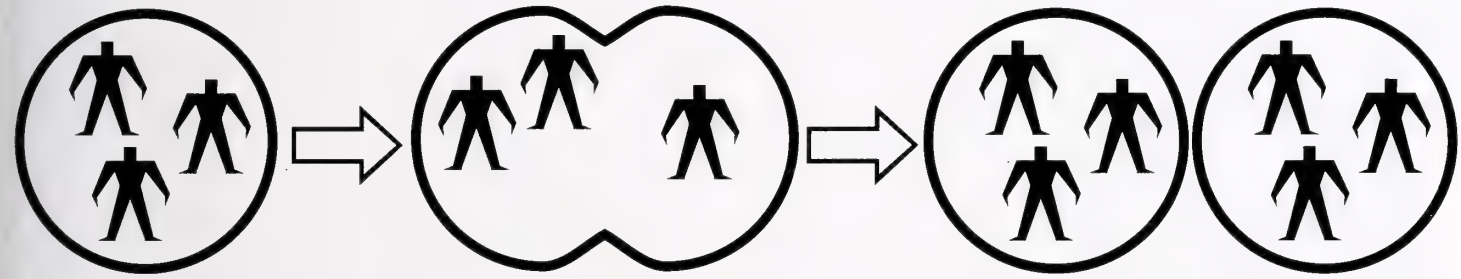
We are persuaded that Acts 1:8 is still our challenge and promise: that each local church is responsible for four pulpits – Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. By the way, our new church goal for 2005 is 15 churches.

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church is not simply a domination that plants churches. It must become a church-planting movement. That is the "calling" to which we must respond and succeed in doing for the cause of the kingdom. Healthy churches should reproduce themselves. Churches' mothering new churches is the most effective way known to Christianity for starting new congregations. I want to challenge the pastors and congregations of our conference again to seize hold of the potential in your locale. I believe there is a church waiting to be birthed in your area, out of your own congregation. When we get beyond the idea that a new work is a threat to our present structure, whatever the reasoning, new churches will be multiplied and will be a source of great blessing to the mother congregation. I challenge you, pastor, to read Acts 11 and 13 and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you. I urge you to read and digest the "Churches Mothering Churches" booklet we sent recently. There is timely information and challenge at your fingertips. I believe a large number of existing churches in this conference can and are ripe to mother a daughter congregation. It requires a number of actions: a) receiving the vision of the Holy Spirit (Acts 11 and 13); b) availing yourself and your people of instruction, information, and resources; c) *intentional* planning and prayer; and d) *pulling the trigger*.

As a pastor, you may be thinking, *why is there growing emphasis in the IPHC and from our conference on church planting/mothering churches?* Thanks to our archives director, Betty Thompson, for putting into my hands

a copy of an article from the February 1960 *Evangel*; I want to document that "churches mothering churches" is not a new emphasis, nor an exhausted one. Read the following article, "Multiplication by Division" (reprinted from the February 1960 *Evangel*).

Any experienced gardener knows that in order to grow bigger and better flowers that you must divide the plants and bulbs. If they are allowed to remain in the beds they will degenerate. The once beautiful blossoms will become small and insignificant.



Many of our pastors have realized this within the framework of the local church. A class divided into two and both becomes as large as the one. A new circle group formed out of others and it grows equally as large. Sometimes this has to be done over protest but soon those involved will realize the good that was accomplished.

We, in Kinston, have seen this at work not only in our local church but in the organizing of the new church from our First Church. Before the new church was organized we were averaging about 130 in Sunday School. For the month of December we averaged 162. The new church is having about 40 in attendance. It is difficult for us to part with members when we have worked with and learned to love and appreciate them. But this is a way to grow. One of the best and quickest ways of growing. I wished that our churches were strong enough financially so we could do more of this dividing. We could not have done it here without the help of the conference and we know that the conference is not strong enough to work this everywhere.

This Mother Church Plan does work! *Perhaps other churches will do the same. We cannot divide to the extent of weakening ourselves too much, but we are moving more in this direction than we have in the past. God helping us we shall go forward here in Kinston. Trusting this will be the best year, both here and with all our churches.*

Kinston First Church
S.J. Williams, Pastor

To those pastors and churches who want 2005 to be year of continuing renewal/revitalization in their pastorate, we offer once again the "Model Church Strategy". The cost is $250 per church for all six sessions. I am urging the 26 churches who participated in 2003 to sign up again, and I want to challenge other pastors, congregations, and their leadership to sign on. Dr. Weston will be teaching six more of the principles for revitalization. The dates are as follows: **April 18**, **May 23**, **June 13**, **July 18**, **August 23,** and **September 20**, all sessions to be held at the Whitley PH Church.

Praise God, and thank you to every pastor, congregation, and LMD for a great year in Missions Ministry. The final overall report from WMM has not been received yet; however, I am confident that our overall Missions giving will top $1.4 million. I can tell you that as of December 31, 2004, our Global Outreach actually received was $281,181.96. This figure is a part of our total missions giving. Join with me in praising God and join me in making 2005 the greatest year ever for the N.C. Conference.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Family Ministries

Is there a place for Family Ministries in your church? In the era of specialized ministries in the church, oftentimes ministry to the basic unit of human existence, the family, has been edged out by other, more glamorous, and seemingly more compelling ministries. In today's church, it is theoretically possible for a person to go from cradle to adulthood without ever being involved in public worship with his or her own family. A child can be placed in the nursery, move to the toddler ministry, then children's ministry, then teen church, and on to the singles or college and career church without ever experiencing a time of worship with the family with whom he rides to church weekly. Indeed, for most families, the lion's share of time together is spent before the altar of television, compared to a negligible amount of time before the throne of God, if any. Ironically, what we call Family Night in most churches is anything but family night because we compartmentalize into our separate, age-defined classes to receive ministry.

Am I arguing against such ministries? Of course not. Each of these ministries has tremendous power to change young lives and build Christian character in those who participate. However, I do believe that alongside our many specialized ministries, we have a responsibility to build into our church program regular opportunities for families to worship together. Our children need opportunities to see their parents and other spiritual people worship, sing, give, pray, and experience the presence of God.

Family Ministries can be defined as "any activity of a church or church representatives that directly or indirectly (1) develops faith-families in the congregational community, (2) increases the Christlikeness of the family relationships of Christians and/or (3) equips and supports Christians who use their families as a channel of ministry to others" (Garland, 1999). The church has the responsibility of supporting and nurturing the spiritual growth of families, traditional and nontraditional. The goal of any family ministry should be to pray together, stay together, work together, and win souls to Christ together.

Every church should be involved in family ministry. The Bible demonstrates that from the creation of man, the family is the basic structure of civilization, nations, and the church. The church can help facilitate God's plan for the family by intentionally making the church a place for family strength and growth. Churches should (1) develop a congregational life that supports and nurtures all family relationships; (2) organize and facilitate support groups and networks; (3) provide educational programs and resources; and (4) provide pastoral and/or professional counseling for families whose have particular needs that cannot be addressed adequately in the congregational life of the church.

Family ministry is not carried out by simply planning family events or programs for the church. Family ministry can take place as we do ordinary "church things," such as studying the Bible together in Sunday school or hearing sermons on family related issues, praying with one another during times of prayer, and talking together during church fellowship suppers. The challenge is to take a family perspective in everything the congregation does. Families need to *be together* at church, not simply *learn about* families at church.

Talent Quest & Bible Quest Conference Dates

2005 Fine Arts Themes

Short Sermon – "What It Means to Be a Disciple"

Teen Creative Writing – "What Does a Disciple Look Like?"

Junior Creative Writing – "When I Grow Up..."

Teen Creative Arts – Will not have a specific theme, but remember to keep a spiritual emphasis

Juniors Creative Arts – "Heaven, the Final Frontier"

Video – "Living in Another World"

- **Conference Talent Quest Finals** in Falcon. Registration for teens begins at 8:30 a.m. each day, and registration for juniors begins at 12:30 p.m. each day.
- April 9 for Drama, Creative Arts, *Creative Writing, and Video categories.
- April 16 for Music categories.

Creative Writings – 6 copies due in the CEM office by March 24, 2005.

- **Practice Bible Quest Tournament** on Saturday, March 12 – 9:30 a.m. (location TBA)

  Teens – Matthew, chapters 19-28
  Juniors – Matthew, chapters 11-14
  Primaries – Study cards to be announced

- **N.C. Conference Bible Quest Finals on Saturday, April 23 – 9:30 a.m. in Falcon**

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If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

-2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

Why I Attend General Conference

My first General Conference was in 1973 in Roanoke, Virginia. I was amazed at the largeness of the church and the differences from east to west. It was a conference of several controversial issues. I learned a lot.

I was not a delegate at my first conference; in fact, I did not attend every session. Betty and I were dating at the time. We would become engaged that December and would marry the next summer. Betty lived at nearby Salem, Virginia, just a few miles away. In fact, we attended the session "together." My mind and heart were not entirely on the conference.

I remember the first conference where I was a delegate. The conference was in Oklahoma City. In order to save money, I traveled with Rudolph Britt, my brother-in-law, and fellow ministers George Terry and Bobby Forehand. We had a delightful trip. I could tell you stories about the big mosquitoes in Arkansas, the side trip to ORU, the Sunday morning preacher who preached with the towel, and the snoring (I understand I did my share). The Lord blessed us. We are all still friends today! The conference was fiery and fierce. However, through it all, the Lord guided the church.

In 1981 the family made its first trip to General Conference. That was an experience. Our boys were small. We had a lot of sandwiches in the room. Thank the Lord for those good tomatoes. It is amazing how an Igloo cooler and a little ice can serve as a good refrigerator.

I haven't missed a General Conference since that first one in 1973. This year will make 32 years and will be my ninth General Conference. There have been a lot of changes during this time. I believe the conferences are a little "quieter" with the debate and "louder" with the worship. It has been a good transition. In each conference, I have seen the Lord at work and experienced Him guiding our church. 2005 will not be an exception. *He will be present!*

Why do I attend? One might say, "You are required to attend." That would be true, but Betty and I would attend anyway. We are church people; we are Pentecostal Holiness; we feel a compulsion and leading of the Spirit to go.

We go because we like to go. We always hear from God in the meetings. God is using our church. He is guiding and leading. We are on a mission, and it is such a joy to be on His team. No, the church is not perfect in our eyes, but I do not know any church that's better. Though I am not perfect, I am growing. I'm trying to follow Him better; so is the church.

We go to see our many friends. Betty and I have developed and found friends all across our great church. Between Betty and me, we have graduated from Emmanuel, Southwestern, and Holmes. We know all the superintendents and spouses on a first-name basis. We know many of the other conference leaders, and it is a joy to see many of them and hear the work of the Lord. We know most of the missionaries. What a joy to hear their first-hand testimonies of the power of the Gospel in foreign lands!

We go to hear from our leaders. The Lord has blessed us with some great leaders. These men and women have something to sow into our lives. We need to receive their anointing.

We go to be able to make our expressions in the reports, etc. I believe in having my say and vote. If I am unhappy with a program or statement of polity, I should do all I can to change it. That is my duty. That is my heart!

Betty and I go now to represent our people and the North Carolina Conference. We are proud and thankful for our conference. Our conference is making a difference. We are planting and revitalizing churches. The conference leads the way in total General Tithe, World Missions, C.E. giving, and many other areas. We are always blessed to be introduced from the North Carolina Conference.

The General Conferences have changed so much since my first one in 1973. They are so much more "colorful." Thank the Lord that we are not just a white Southern church. We still have a way to go, but we are getting there.

If I could have my way and desire, I would have every pastor and a layman from every church attend General Conference in Oklahoma City this year. We need to be present to support and help make needed changes. We need to be present for the changes it will make in us. Our vision will be broader and enhanced as a result of being there.

An added blessing this year is the location. Those who attend will be able to tour the national Resource Development Center. Southwestern Christian University is there. Many have never seen the national church offices. This year is the year! Six years ago, one of our Hispanic pastors visited the national RDC. He came back fired up! He had no idea of the magnitude of the organization he had joined. He will be at General Conference.

Lord willing, Betty and I will be there for all the events. Here is a short summary. For those who are interested and do not have a brochure, please call Gina Page at the conference office.

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Reverend Mrs. Lois (Jay) Linton

August 2, 1942 – January 5, 2005

Jay Linton loved to sing the gospel. She considered singing as her primary ministry, and sing she did. It was her joy to sing regularly in church services. She served as music director for a season at her home church. She sang often at the Piney Grove Camp Meeting.

Reverend Mrs. Linton joined the North Carolina Conference in 2000. She was granted the minister of music license. She was faithful and diligent in her conference responsibilities.

Jay left us early. The Lord just desired her to come to heaven. She is survived by her husband, Ralph; two children, Jerri Lewis and Lorine Vonzo; and two stepchildren, Kenneth Linton and Cleveland Linton.

Chapel services were held at the Chapel of Paul Funeral Home on Saturday, January 8, 2005. Pastor Ronnie Gurganus of Hodges Chapel officiated at the ceremony. It was my joy to assist Pastor Gurganus and to present the Pentecostal Holiness Medallion at the grave. The body was laid to rest at the Linton-Clark family cemetery. Her spirit is in the presence of the Lord.

Jay will be missed. However, her model of using her talent for the Lord will live long after her.

–D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent, North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc.

Reverend Jackson (Jack) Deway Jayroe

January 29, 1917 – January 23, 2005

In many ways, Jack Jayroe was a bridge from the 20th-century "latter rain" Pentecostals and those of the 21st century. He knew personally many of the Pentecostals who had received their Pentecost at Azusa Street and, more especially, those in Dunn, North Carolina, January 1907. He was active in pastoral ministry until days before he died. He and his wife, Myrtle, were copastors at New Creation Worship Center, Havelock, when he died. Had he lived six more days, he would have been 88.

Brother Jayroe was converted to Christ in 1932 at a missionary Baptist Church near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He later came into Pentecost and joined the Fire Baptized Holiness Church.

In 1942, on May 14, he married Myrtle. For nearly 63 years they sang and preached the gospel. They were blessed with three children: Sherry Terrell Malcom, Dr. Kay Suggs, and Donald W. Jayroe. He is survived by eight wonderful grandchildren.

Reverend Jayroe transferred to the North Carolina Conference of the IPHC from the Fire Baptized Holiness Church in 1950. He had already been ordained in the Fire Baptized. During his ministerial years, he pastored several churches. These are as follows: Elizabethtown, St. Paul's, Roper, Vanceboro, Wallace New Bern, Glad Tidings, Morehead City, and Grimesland. He copastored with his lovely wife these churches: Harvest Temple Assembly of God, Grantsboro, and Hope Mission Ministries; and he planted at the age of 85 and re-established the New Creation Church in Havelock. His musical talents were used in every church, but especially in three churches where he served as music director: Whiteville, Cedar Point, and New Life Assembly of God.

The celebration service for Reverend Jayroe – and celebration it was –was held at Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City. The Jayroes had pastored this church for some twelve years. Reverend Dennis Evans, associate pastor, led and sang several songs. He also spoke and read a special letter from Pastor Maurice Phelps. Dennis had been mentored by the Jayroes. Two other men who had been mentored by the Jayroes spoke. These were Reverend Johnny Pollard and Pastor Eriv Vernelson. A dear friend, Ermenio Lentz, also spoke. It was my privilege to speak and to lead in the grave service. Reverend Wiley Clark, representing the retired ministers, presented the Pentecostal Holiness Medallion to the family. Daughter Sherry Malcom played and sang several songs. Grandson Will Jayroe played a masterpiece on the piano for his grandfather. It was a powerful celebration. I am sure Jack rejoiced with each of us in heaven.

I love Jack and Myrtle Jayroe. They have been a very special couple to Betty and me. They have been so supportive and such prayer warriors for Betty and me. They blessed the North Carolina Conference and me when, in their 80s, they went to the Havelock Church and resurrected it. The church is strong and will soon break one hundred in attendance. Sister Myrtle will continue to work. May the Lord give us more couples like the Jayroes.

Jack was no copy or put-on. He was a real and distinct man of God. I can see him now in heaven playing for the Lord. In Myrtle's absence, perhaps an angel hums the tune to get him started. We loved him and cherish his memory.

–D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent, North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc.

Reverend Joseph Garland Edwards

May 20, 1929 – January 25, 2005

Reverend Garland Edwards left the confines of earth for heaven on Tuesday morning, January 25, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Vernise, and two sons, Bruce and Joe. He leaves three grandchildren, Jay, Stephanie, and Tabatha, and four step-great-grandchildren.

The celebration services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2005, at Coley Funeral Home Chapel in Kenly, North Carolina. Pastor Mike Capps of the Moore's Chapel Church officiated at the services. Reverend Jimmy Whitfield, assistant superintendent, spoke and represented the North Carolina Conference. (I was in Morehead City, speaking at Reverend Jack Jayroe's funeral.) Reverend

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Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Breakout Churches: Discover How to Make the Leap

Thom S. Rainer. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company. 259 pages.

While it is my opinion that church work and church growth are not analogous to basketball or business, there are legitimate commonalities and lessons that help clarify the roles and risks of church leadership. What it takes to win a basketball game is not the same as what it takes to grow a church, although certain elements are closely aligned in terms of obtaining victory. Has an undefeated basketball team ever existed without a good coach? Has a retail business ever prospered without enthusiasm for its product? Endless debates continue as to whether God answers the prayers of athletes and coaches in winning ball games, but there is no doubt that God will answer prayer in growing His church. *Breakout Churches* in some ways mirrors Jim Collins' book, *Good to Great*, in that much of the research and findings parallel each other, and the concepts identifying the necessary components of breaking out from a stagnant, declining position to an exciting, powerful, and great church are similar, often making reference to the page numbers!

The research included some 50,000 churches across America, but only 13 were singled out as breakout churches, screened to pass certain criteria based on the definition of "breakout." The breakout church had to experience a decline or plateau and then break out of the decline and sustain growth for a number of years. Both the decline and the breakout growth had to take place under the same pastor. The majority of churches in America are declining or at a plateau. Many plod along, maintaining the status quo. Moving from mediocrity to greatness seems too good to be true for many who have thus far experienced an unremarkable past, but Rainer and his associates offer hope in that the breakout churches revealed certain elements that almost any church and leader can aspire to and obtain through persistence and prayer. The journey from caterpillar to butterfly is not that great, especially when you factor God's power and providence into the equation. If, as a church leader, you desire to lead the church to become life-changing and community-changing, then this book is a must-read for this year.

The book includes ten chapters: (1) "Why Good Is Not Enough: The Chrysalis Factor," (2) "Acts 6/7 Leadership," (3) "Eight Keys to Acts 6/7 Leadership," (4) "The ABC Moment," (5) "The Who/What Simultrack," (6) "The VIP Factor," (6) "A Culture of Excellence," (8) "Innovation Accelerators," (9) "Big Mo or Blind Erosion?" and (10) "To Become a Breakout Church."

The chapters include numerous new concepts and conceptual schemas that require a slow, deliberate, methodical reading to absorb and digest the information and understand how to utilize it in your own arena of service. For example, the "VIP factor" is not the "Very Important People factor," but rather, the "Vision Intersection Profile" that is similar to Collins' "Hedgehog Concept." That intersection is the center of three circles: Leadership Passion, Community Needs, and Passion/Gifts of Congregation. It is an eye-opening and highly instructional idea.

At the same time, some of the concepts and principles Rainer describes are time-proven and most likely familiar to most pastors and church leaders. For example, the Big Momentum (Big Mo) remains useful in understanding the dynamics of organizational growth. The author states, "Learn that each success God gives is often a beginning point for another opportunity for success." Passionate leadership stands out as essential. Before a church can break out and be "transformed," the pastors and leaders of the church will have to be "transformed." Transformational leadership precedes transformational church growth and ministry.

Excellence in all things appeared to be a common thread in all the breakout churches. None of the leaders found mediocrity acceptable. They labored to develop a culture of ministry excellence. The breakout churches did not view new construction as a goal to be achieved, but as a step to move forward in accomplishing the mission and following the vision.

Another impression that endears this publication to this reviewer is that the research did not highlight perfect churches, but the way congregations moved from mistakes to corrections in becoming great. Nothing I read is unattainable by our churches in North Carolina and beyond as we continue to give our attention to prayer, the ministry of the Word, and evangelism.

Breaking out is a process, and according to Rainer, requires persistence and more persistence. Unlike chasing the end of a rainbow, breaking out is possible for any local church. A great church does not have to be a big church, but it is intentional in ministry and mission, making a difference in the lives of people within the sphere of its influence. Go ahead: be encouraged; make the leap!

A Call to Spiritual Reformation: Priorities From Paul and His Prayers

D.A. Carson. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. 230 pages.

The late Reverend R. Marshall Stewart, my spiritual mentor for years, always said that one of the first steps toward failing as a minister or Christian was the neglect of one's devotional life. He believed it to be essential for spiritual direction and victory.

It is so easy to get caught up with the busyness of ministry that maintaining spiritual discipline can easily be forsaken and almost forgotten as a necessary means of a healthy relationship with the Lord, sometimes resulting in shallow and superficial Christian activity. Carson states, "God doesn't demand hectic church programs and frenetic schedules; He only wants His people to know Him more intimately."

Yet a multitude of demands placed upon ministers and believers alike can diminish the life-giving spiritual sustenance required to do ministry. It is possible to give and give, arriving at the point where you have nothing more to give. It is like the sap in the tree, without which there is no fruit: the Lord as the Vine and we as the branches depend

on His Spirit and life in order to function as members of His body. Without Him, we can do nothing. Through Him, we can do all things to glorify God. The Apostle Paul understood this Bible truth. He never wavered in striving to know the Lord and to make Him known.

The book makes the argument that the greatest need for churches is not education, evangelism, or programs, but a deeper knowledge of God. The author contends that a deeper knowledge of God brings with it massive improvement in purity, integrity, evangelistic effectiveness, better study of Scripture, improved private and corporate worship, and much more. The life and ministry of Jesus Christ during those little more than three years proved the necessity of seeking the Father for guidance, assurance, and vitality. Although Jesus knew the Father, He sought the Father continually. Jesus faithfully prayed before doing ministry because He was so dependent on the Father. He exemplified for us how ministry should be carried out. Later, the Apostle Paul wrote prayers in his letters, instructing fellow believers of the importance of prayer and seeking a deeper knowledge of God. Christian service is most effective when prayer precedes it and flows together with it.

Carson examines some of the prayers of Paul in twelve chapters and gives a good introduction to the effort, comprising thirteen units of information easily adaptable to a Sunday school class or some other type of group meeting. While not an exhaustive treatment on the theology of prayer, the book examines the prayers of Paul for the purpose of improving our praying. Is there any Christian alive today who doesn't need to "improve" his or her praying? Have you ever met anyone with a Ph.D. in prayer? I know I haven't. Prayer does for believers what few other spiritual activities can do. It makes requests known to God, cultivates a passion for Christ, gives God's perspective on problems, changes our attitudes and desires, appropriates God's power, enhances our fellowship and intimacy with God, develops our understanding and knowledge of God, and helps us to accomplish God's purposes for our lives. Prayer can do anything because it links us to God, and He can do anything.

At the conclusion of each chapter, questions are presented for review and reflection. One statement in particular gripped my mind and heart: "God is absolutely sovereign, but His sovereignty never functions in Scripture to reduce human responsibility." We are to do what we are able to do, and through prayer, we look to God to do what we cannot do. Through it all, God is not contingent but essential. Through it all, we depend on Him for all things, and when we pray, we demonstrate that dependence. I know I need Him. Don't you? Happy Reading!

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Whitfield also presented the Pentecostal Holiness Minister's Bronze Medallion to the family at the graveside.

Brother Edwards was known as a man who loved his God and the church. In his later years, he attended the Moore's Chapel Church. He was superannuated in 1991. He loved Sunday school and served many years as a Sunday school teacher, many of them at Moore's Chapel.

Garland Edwards was saved in a prayer meeting in June 1952. After his conversion, he served in various capacities at the Moore's Chapel Church. He served as Sunday school teacher, Lifeline director, and deacon. God called, and he accepted the call to preach. After receiving his mission worker's license in 1973, he was assigned the Vick's Chapel Church. He was licensed in 1974 and officially joined the North Carolina Conference. He pastored these churches during his active ministry years: Vick's Chapel, Micro, Selma, and Clayton (two times). He served a total of twelve years in the pastorate.

His body's final earthly resting place is the Moore's Chapel cemetery. However, he is not there. He is in heaven with his Lord.

–D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent, North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc.

Betty Manning Leggett

January 25, 1921 – January 21, 2005

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Betty Manning Leggett, wife of the late Rev. Leonard H. Leggett, was held on January 23, 2005, at the Biggs Funeral Home in Williamston, North Carolina.

The Leggetts were married some time before her husband gave his heart to God, but when Mr. Leggett was saved and yielded to the call to preach God's Word, she joined him in heart and soul and became his most ardent supporter. Together, they labored in the Lord's vineyard until his homegoing on January 4, 2001. Mrs. Leggett was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother and will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Those who ministered at her funeral were Rev. Tony Hawley, pastor of the Lamm's Grove P.H. Church near Wilson, where she held her church membership; Rev. Christopher Holliday, her grandson and pastor of an American Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas; and the Rev. Roger Leggett, her nephew and pastor of the Williamston P.H. Church. These ministers certainly knew her well, as they talked about her life of trusting and serving the Lord. Rev. Holliday reminisced about those early childhood days he spend with his grandmother and the little things she did and said that made such a great impression on his life and influenced him to give his heart to the Lord and yield to His calling. Rev. Leggett chose Psalm 23, calling it the Pilgrim's Psalm, and emphasized the path the pilgrim takes in life. He talked about God's leading, provisions, and protection.

The old song "This World Is Not My Home; I'm Just a'Passing Through" was mentioned as it relates to Mrs. Leggett. She was just "a pilgrim, passing through." Like her, one day all of us will complete our journey and stand before our Lord to give our final report. It was quite clear to all who attended her celebration service that this dear lady, who had walked and worked side by side with her preacher husband and upheld him in prayer and sacrifice through the years, will have a good report when she stands before her Lord. Her life and witness were a real testimony to God's grace and tender mercies.

–Rev. Wiley Clark

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

RESHAPING LIVES

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Let His Light Shine!

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

Dear Women of God,

We are now in the third month of this New Year. By now, most of you should have met with your local W.M. council and made plans for 2005. The NCWM board met in January to complete plans for the Leadership Seminar, which was held at Pikes Crossroad in Pikeville; the NCWM Retreat will be held the first weekend in April at Northwood Temple in Fayetteville; the Director's Council will be held Saturday, May 7, in Falcon; the NCWM Convention will be held on Saturday, June 4; and our General W.M. Convention begins July 24 in Oklahoma.

As we schedule our activities and plans, let's not forget what we are all about. We must keep our focus, and that is to reach the lost for Christ. We believe that 2005 is the year of miracles.

All ministries must be centered on God's Word and our relationship to the God of the Word. This takes place on Sundays in Bible study as well as at various times throughout the week in large and small groups. Spiritual growth must always be the ultimate goal when addressing needs among our women and young girls. There must be a balance between growth and service opportunities available for women. I challenge each of you to put what you have learned into practice and use it to serve the Lord.

Remember, *together we can make a difference.*

In His Love,
Mrs. Patsy

EVENT IDEA

Walk in the Light

All kinds of light are in the spotlight at this…well…*illuminating* event! Use lamps, flashlights, candles, lanterns, torches, and more to cast a beautiful glow in your subdued room. Spend devotional time discussing how to walk in God's presence and allow Him to shine in a dark world. Suggested scriptures: Matthew 5:14-16, Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 John 1:7.

Jackie Vogt, Hope Mills WM director, and Carolyn Tomlinson, Royal Home director.

Hope Mills Women's Ministries held a baby shower on Wednesday, January 5, for the Royal Home in celebration of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. There were 18 women in attendance. Everyone enjoyed fun, food, fellowship, games, and prizes. Lots of baby items and commodities were given to the home. Mrs. Carolyn Tomlinson, director of the Royal Home, shared information about the maternity home while her husband, David, talked with the Men's Ministries group.

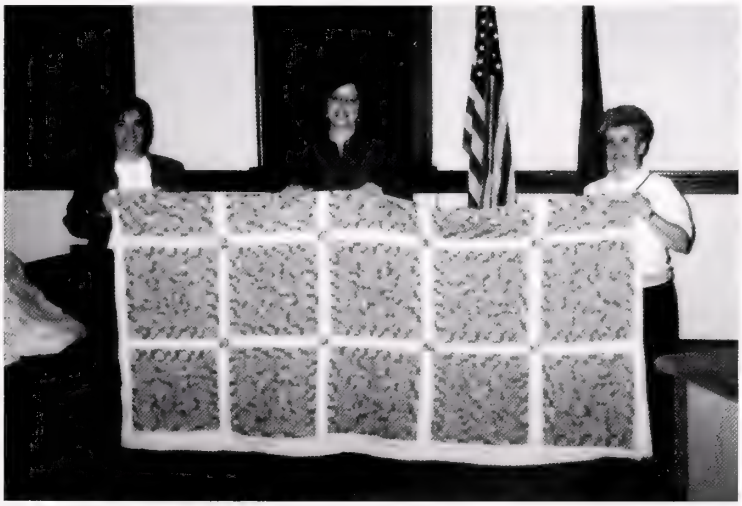
Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rose Alligood and her family on the death of her mother, Mrs. Pennie F. Haddock of Washington, N.C., on January 22, 2005. Rose serves as our New Bern District Women's Ministries director.

The Blessing Quilt

In December 2002, Women's Ministries Circle 2 of the Kinston First Pentecostal Church wanted to do something special for Falcon Children's Home. The group decided to make a quilt and sell it, with the proceeds to go to the home. In their first meeting in March 2003, the ladies met to cut out the squares. They met each week on Monday night and other nights when possible. Each time the group met to quilt, they felt blessed that God had given them the opportunity to do for others; that's why it was named the "Blessing Quilt." The quilt, made to fit a queen-size bed, was finished in September. A silent auction was held, and the quilt sold for $200.

These ladies were so blessed by this project and the opportunity to serve the Lord that for their 2004/2005 project, the group will be making 90 twin-size quilts so each child at Falcon Children's Home will have one. If you would like to participate or share ideas, you may contact Kelley B. Jenkins at 1705 Institute Rd., Kinston, NC 28504 or e-mail (bilkel@icomnet.com).



Dana J. Hardee, Circle 2, Ethlyn Kennedy, recipient of the Blessing Quilt, and Kelley B. Jenkins, Circle 2 Leader

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"Partners in Ministry"

May I Take Your Order, Please?

Our North Carolina Men's Ministries is designed to help all men and all churches within our conference. Please allow me to share with you some of the different areas of training we offer just for the asking!

- **Discipleship**: a disciple is a follower of Christ. Men's Ministries will come and present teaching on how to establish small groups within your Men's Ministries to help train your men to follow Christ.
- **Evangelism**: witnessing to the lost. We have a three-session course ready to help equip your men to witness more effectively (and comfortably!) to the unsaved and lead them to Christ.
- **Reach 3:** another evangelistic outreach. The Reach 3 concept involves encouraging your Christian men to target three unsaved men over the course of twelve months. The idea is to pray specifically for these three, fellowship with them, and, hopefully, lead them to Christ as God opens the door.
- **Men of Action**: teams of men. Let us share with you how teams of men from your Men's Ministries group can reach out and assist the elderly in your congregation through practical services such as lawn care, repairs, etc.
- **Six Pack**: **something new to offer this year!** This is a six-session series with videos that addresses the six most difficult things men are facing today, such as sex addictions, father wounds, finances, and more.

All these courses that we have ready to present to your men are designed to equip our men with the very best that God has to offer! The purpose of our lives and this ministry to men is to advance the kingdom of God, and these are just a few of the ways the North Carolina Men's Ministries leaders are ready to help in our local churches.

A leader of Men's Ministries from another conference called me a few days ago and asked if I could help him with ideas for reaching more men. He was dismayed that in a conference with thousands of men, scarcely a hundred participated in the conference events for men. I told him that I was facing the same problem in North Carolina. Sadly, at our Men's Advances in recent years, there have been only a handful of men present.

Yet I thank God for each man who has attended because I believe when they returned to their churches, they were excited about what God is doing and ready to do something more for Him! That's what Men's Ministries is about: training men to be the blessing God means them to be to their families, their local churches, and to the kingdom of God!

Pastors, we are on your side! We want to see the local churches grow and prosper in God's Word. We are here to help and assist you. We know we are facing daunting challenges today because we are not all walking with Jesus as we need to be. Sometimes we forget just how close in Him we need to be in order to survive and flourish in the world we are passing through .

As a Men's Ministries leader, my desire is to see men come closer to God. I serve with a board that has the same desire I do. We are here to do whatever it takes to build the kingdom of God. In Isaiah 6:8, we find these words: "Here am I; send me!" Pastors, we are ready and willing to come serve your men in any way we can. Contact me, and let us work together for men and the kingdom of God.

Contact me any time I can be of service!

HEADS UP!

September 9 and 10: Men's Advance! Mark your calendar now.

World Intercession Network

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Beloved in Christ,

As we have made a decision to serve in the kingdom of God, we realize the only way to fulfill this calling is by having a life of prayer and continually studying His Word.

In 2004, we saw the wonderful work of the Holy Spirit among the church body as our prayers were answered in various ways. During the WIN Conference on November 6, 2004, we were all enlarged and blessed with the great teachings of Pastor Michael Fletcher. This year's WIN Conference will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2005, in Falcon also. I believe as we have our different prayer gatherings this year, God will continue to enlarge us with His wisdom and favor.

The prayer of agreement brings God's anointing and power.

This year we are asking pastors, WIN captains, and members of your local church to designate one day of a month to lead a time of congregational prayer at the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon. The purpose of this time of prayer is to gather with your congregation and invite other local churches to seek the face, purposes, and plans of God. We know that in the book of Acts, when the church gathered together in one accord, the Spirit of God fell upon them, and not only did they begin to speak in unknown tongues, but they were also empowered to witness. Many were added to the church because they obeyed the voice of God to gather at a specific place with a specific purpose.

We would also like for each local church to invite other congregations to their designated time of prayer.

The list below is to inform you of the churches that have already signed up to participate.

Church	*Day*	*Month*	*Time*
Abiding in Him Church	21	January	7:00 p.m.
Peniel IPHC	23	April	11:00 a.m.

We also want to remind you that Festival of Praise has been designated for the months of May and June. Please choose a special day to just worship and praise God in your service.

Follower and Servant,
Rev. Lydia Figueroa
WIN Director

Watchmen on a Wall

" On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves; and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth." (Isa.62:6,7)

Isaiah 62:6, 7 affirms God's work through us, His prayers and His intercessors.

Watchmen (guards) in the city of Jerusalem were stationed on the city walls. They would call to each other every few minutes. You could hear a cry passing from one to another. Watchmen stationed on the city gates/tower held a responsible office. The requirement was much vigilance and fidelity. ***Watchman*** is from a Hebrew root meaning "to hedge about (as with thorns); to guard, generally to protect and observe from a distance."

The modern counterpart to the Old Testament ***watchman*** is the ***intercessor***.

In Isa. 62:6, 7, the city of Jerusalem is symbolic of the church, the Body of Christ. Intercessors watch and pray, "Until God establishes it a praise in the earth."

In Jewish tradition a "watch" was a three-hour period; eight such watches kept guards on a constant lookout over the city for its protection. In Gethsemane, Jesus asked the disciples to keep only one third of a watch (Matthew 26:40), and they couldn't. As a result, they were unprepared when the betrayal took place.

A desire to pray and communicate with God and hear His voice is something that God births within us. *Most people hear the voice of the Lord but don't recognize it.* We must be sensitive, practice His presence, and be still long enough to get used to recognizing the voice of God.

"Lord," the disciples said, "teach me to pray." You can:

1. Be mentored in prayer by a gifted intercessor.
2. Be taught the simplicity of prayer that brings dynamic results.
3. Spend hours in prayer with your mentor or a prayer partner.
4. Understand that prayer is a way of life (as important as daily bread).
5. Be mentored by people of prayer who will be an example for you.
6. Follow the Holy Spirit's Leading.

We must learn to fellowship at the feet of Jesus and become a mighty warrior through prayer.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

El Clamor de un Lider!

Una de las claves de la grandeza de Moisés, es que el dependía de Dios. En **Exodo 17:4** leemos: " Entonces clamó Moisés a Jehová..."

Esta declaración dice mucho de su dependencia en Dios. Esta fue una de las cosas que lo hizo grande y le dió éxito y victoria en su trayectoria como lider de Dios.

Como líderes estamos siempre haciendole frente a muchos desafios, obstáculos, problemas, necesidades y situaciones de toda clase. Siempre hay y habrá como leímos en el versículo anterior un "entonces". El significado de este término es que indica un momento u ocasión determinados.

El momento o la ocasión en el que Moisés "clamó" a Dios fue cuando Israel después de salir de Egipto anduvo unos días por el desierto, tuvieron sed y no había agua y empezaron a murmurar y decir cosas contra Moisés (Exodo 17:1-4). Como lider siempre tendrás un momento, una ocasión para resolver algo, tomar una decisión, decidir una dirección o dar un paso de fe. Es es en ese momento donde mostrar tu dependencia en Dios por medio de "clamar al Señor", te dará la oportunidad de progresar en una situación. La sabiduría, el poder, la gracia y la fortaleza están en Dios y serán dadas a nosotros cuando clamamos a El.

Clamar a Dios debe ser la vida misma del lider y una práctica que debe hacerse antes, durante y después de cualquier situación que tenga que enfrentar. Clamar a Dios no solo debe hacerse cuando pedimos auxilio al estar ahogándonos en la crisis de un problema o necesidad que hay que resolver.

Clamar antes prepara al lider para la tarea que tiene por delante, clamar durante le dará el balance al recibir instrucciones de Dios, clamar después es asegurar resultados permanentes y reconocer en alabanza a Dios por Su sabiduría e intervención.

Lideres, una porción considerable de nuestro día debe ser dedicada "a clamar a Dios" no solo en ocasiones. Al hacerlo cada día, se funde el poder de Dios en nuestra debilidad (2 Corintios 12:9) ya que cuando clamamos, "reposa sobre nosotros el poder de Cristo".

Clamar ayuda al lider en la siguientes maneras:

1. Su efectividad como lider para desempeñar funciones y administrar la obra de Dios con resultados mayores.
2. La arrogancia y autosuficiencia perderán su poder en la vida del lider, porque al clamar le da la conciencia de que "Sin Dios nada es" Sin la intervención de Dios nada podrá lograr.
3. Le da el sentido de estar acompañado y no estar sólo al saber que Dios le oye, le responde y actua. Tener la certeza de la presencia de Dios, es el más grande tesoro del lider; además le da la seguridad de seguir en el desarrollo de las tareas como lider.
4. Aumenta la dependencia en Dios, porque clamar al Señor y obtener resultados, aumenta la fe y el valor para seguir dependiendo de El.
5. Clamar al Señor, lleva la atención a Dios de la gente que servimos, más que a sí mismo como lider. (Josué 1:17; 2 Reyes 4:9) Israel le dijo a Josué "...solamente que Jehová tu Dios esté contigo, como estuvo con Moisés."
6. Desarrolla en el lider el valor y la visión de emprender los proyectos, tareas y alcances, porque sabe que cuenta con la fuente de todos los recursos necesarios.
7. Clamar al Señor le da a l lider el sentido de confianza que necesita para enfrentar y vencer los obstáculos que se levantan en su camino.

Al clamar, Moisés dijo ¿Qué haré? (Exodo 17:4). Esta es la pregunta de debilidad, limitaciones e incapacidad. Esta es la pregunta de, te necesito, no puedo sin ti, no lo lograré sin tu ayuda, no avanzaré sin tu intervención.

Como lider, no avance una pulgada más, sin depender enteramente de Dios. Recuerde la promesa de Dios para usted: "Clama mi, y yo te responderé..." (Jeremías 33:3). "...Pedid todo lo que queréis, y os será hecho." (Juan 15:7)

Felicitaciones

- Al pastor Idelfondo Vargas por la organización de su iglesia "Rey de Reyes" en Kinston el domingo 16 de enero, 2005.
- A la pastora Josefina Peña Huete por la organización de su iglesia "Milagros y maravillas" en Selma el domingo 30 de enero, 2005

Anuncios

- Recuerden nuestros Rallies Hispanos el 1 y 2 de marzo en las iglesias de Clinton y Pine level. Hermana Charlena West estará predicando esos días.

- MPM hispano con el Superintendente. Sera el miércoles 23 a las 7:00 p.m. en Falcon. Rev. Thompson estará hablando acerca de los impuestos.
- Conferencias distritales hispanas el 13 y 20 de abril. El lugar y la hora se anunciará.
- Próximas clases de INE seran el 29 y 30 de abril, esté atento y envíe s sus líderes a estudiar.
- Rev. Francisco Concepción invita a todos los pastores e iglesias al gran evento de cruzada que realizará en Lumberton los dias 13 y 14 de mayo. Más información al teléfono (910) 608-3077.

The Cry of a Leader!

One of the keys of the greatness of Moses was that he the depended on God. In Exodus 17:4 we read, "Then Moses cried out to the Lord…"

This declaration says much of his dependence on God. This was one of the things that made him great and gave him success and victory in his trajectory as a leader of God.

We as leaders are always confronting many challenges, obstacles, problems, necessities, and situations of all kinds. Always there is and there will be, as we read in the previous verse, "then." The meaning of this term is at that time, indicating a moment or certain occasion.

The moment or the occasion in which Moses "cried" to God was when Israel, after leaving from Egypt, had walked some days in the desert; they thirsted, and there was no water, and they began to grumble and say things against Moses (Exodus 17:1-4). You, as a leader, will always have a moment, an occasion, in order to solve something, make a decision, decide a direction, or take a step of faith. It is in that moment when you have to show your dependence in God by means of a "cry to the Lord" that will give you the opportunity to progress in a situation. The wisdom, the power, the grace, and the strength are in God and will be given to us when we cry to Him.

Crying to God should be the life of the leader and should be his practice before, during, and after any situation that has to face. Crying to God should not be done just as a request for aid when drowning in the crisis of a problem that it is necessary to solve.

To cry to God beforehand prepares the leader for the task he has ahead of him; to cry during will give him balance upon receiving instructions of God; to cry afterward assures permanent results and helps him to recognize and praise God for His wisdom and His intervention.

Leaders, a considerable portion of our day should be dedicated to "crying to God," and not only on occasions. If we are doing it every day, the power of God will come in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9), since when we cry, "[God's] power is made perfect in weakness."

Crying out helps the leader in the following ways:

1. Effectiveness as a leader in order to carry out functions and administer the work of God with greater results.
2. Arrogance and self-sufficiency will lose their power in the life of the leader, because crying out gives us the consciousness that "without God, nothing is" – without the intervention of God, nothing will be achieved.
3. It gives one the sense of being accompanied and not alone, knowing that God hears, responds, and acts with His power. Having the certainty of the presence of God is the biggest treasure of the leader; it also gives one the assurance of continuing in the development of his tasks as leader.
4. The dependence on God increases, because crying to the Lord and obtaining results increase faith and boldness in order to continue depending on the Lord.
5. Crying to the Lord drives the attention of the people we serve more toward God than toward the leader. (Joshua 1:17; 2 Kings 4:9) Israel said to Joshua, "…Only may the Lord your God be with you as he was with Moses."
6. It helps to develop strength and vision in the leader to undertake projects, tasks, and goals because he knows he has the source of all necessary things.
7. Crying to the Lord gives the leader the sense of trust he needs in order to face and conquer the obstacles that arise in his road.

Upon crying, did Moses say, "What am I to do…?" (Exodus 17: 4). This is the question of weakness, limitations, and inability. This is the question of, "I need you; I am not able to do without you; I won't achieve it without your help; I won't advance without your intervention."

As a leader, do not advance one more inch without depending entirely on God. Remember the promises of God for you: "Call to me and I will answer you…" (Jeremiah 33:3). "…Ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you" (John 15:7).

Congratulations

- To Pastor Idelfondo Vargas for the organization of the King of Kings Church in Kinston on Sunday, January 16, 2005.
- To Pastor Josefina Pena Huete for the organization of Miracles and Wonders Church in Selma on Sunday, January 30, 2005.

News

- Remember our Hispanic Rally on March 1-2 in the churches of Clinton and Pine Level. Sister Charlene West will be our special speaker.
- MPM Hispanic with the superintendent. It will be on March 23, 7:00 p.m. in Falcon. Rev. Thompson will be speaking about taxes.
- Hispanic District Conference on April 13 and 20. The locations and time will be announced.
- Next classes of INE will be on April 29 and 30; be ready and send your leaders to study.
- Rev. Francisco Concepción invites all pastors and their churches to attend the great event crusade that will take place in Lumberton on May 13 and 14. More information at (910) 608-3077.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Upcoming "Model Church Strategy" Sessions

As I write this article, I am excited as the first our six "Model Church Strategy" sessions draws closer (April 18). From April through September, we will meet once a month, and then on the following day, Dr. Weston will conduct on-site consultations with the participating churches. This proved to be a great blessing in 2003, as 26 churches took part, and each was blessed with great teaching and with the "hands on" approach. This year, our scenario will be the same, except that Dr. Weston will present six different principles of revitalization. I am hearing exciting reports of churches being revived and turned around – not just reports from newer churches, but reports from older, established churches that were plateaued or declining. God is indeed in the business of putting new wine in old wineskins. He is truly at work in this conference. I'm not going to be satisfied until I put into the hands of every pastor and make available to every congregation the tools needed to rekindle the flame and bring "turnaround" and revitalization. Of course, I understand that prayer and seeking God's face is the prerequisite; however, I want to make available the tools to fuel the fire that fervent prayer brings about. Our God wants to douse and saturate us with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and in 2005, our challenge is to say, "Yes, Lord, to your will and desire for my life and for my church."

I am also excited as I begin to see a renewed interest and desire among our pastors and churches in the "Churches Mothering Churches" concept. As you saw in the February article, mothering churches is by no means a new term or concept. It is indeed biblical. All we have to do is read the book of Acts, and the proof is there. Our Lord said in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." This simply means to expand the kingdom into the entire world. The only way to do that is for Christians to reproduce themselves and for churches to reproduce themselves. I truly believe a number of existing churches in this conference are ready to give birth to a daughter congregation. In our most recent Evangelism board meeting, I presented to the members a list of over 30 locations that are ripe for the planting of churches.

Following are just some of the reasons to explain why we plant churches: church planting is the best method of evangelism under heaven; church planting is the biblical pattern; planting and reproduction are Kingdom principles; church planting addresses the wide diversity of churches to reach an increasingly diverse America; new church plants represent fertile and productive soil; new church plants bring in a fresh presence of God. The final reason I want to give is this: new churches do not threaten or limit the mother church – they breathe fresh life and fire into an established church when that established church catches the vision of and proceeds with intentionally mothering a new church. Pastor, I believe that sitting in many of our pews are church planters and leaders who are waiting to be used and could be motivated to plant a church or be a part of a church planting team. I pray that 2005 will be the year that revitalization and "mothering" will become the heartthrob of the churches of this conference.

A Banner Year in Missions Giving

For yet another year 2004 proved to be a banner year in Missions giving for this conference. There is a genuine heart for missions among the pastors and congregations of N.C. I am truly proud of and thankful to the pastors and churches in this conference. You gave $1,471,284.05 in total Missions giving. Included in that was $281,301.96 for Global Outreach and $197,572.63 for People to People. I simply want to say, "Praise God, and thank you!"

Our goals in 2005 include $1.6 million in total Missions giving, $295,000 for Global Outreach, sponsorship of 1000 children for People to People, every church's participation in Missions ministry, every church with a local Missions director, and, further, to see every church involved in this great enterprise, because Missions is not an option but our divine commission and privilege. To say that Missions poses a threat to the financial stability of the local church is to misunderstand the promise of God.

We recently finished our Great Commission Meals, in which we kicked off our 2005 Global Outreach Offering. We had 702 in attendance, with 109 new people and over 100 churches represented. We had great meetings and fellowship in which great enthusiasm was generated. We also had a lofty goal in receiving a nightly offering to train 50 Indian pastors to plant 250 churches in India. The goal was $5000 – we received $5026. Praise God! Thank you for "**investing in eternity**."

I am also announcing that we are putting together three Missions trips to Mexico, Belize, and the Dominican Republic of 7-10 days that will have a dual focus on building and evangelism. If you and your church are interested and would like to take on a project, please contact me for details. A number of pastors and churches need to take a trip to solidify their commitment to Missions.

I want to include an advertisement for Northwood Temple pertaining to Missions personnel. Northwood is heavily involved in Missions trips throughout the year:

Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, dental assistants and hygienists are needed for short-term medical missions trips. Trips are available throughout the year to strengthen IPHC churches and to plant churches around the world. If you would like to be a part of this life-changing endeavor, please contact Cecille Booth at 910-488-7474.

Our Greatest Mission Year Ever

I would like to congratulate and say thank you to the people of the North Carolina Conference for making 2004 our greatest year ever in missions giving.

Total Giving:	$1,471,284.05
People to People	197,572.63
Global Outreach	281,301.96

Through we cannot post every church's total, we are posting the Top 3 in several categories:

Top 3 – Global Outreach	Greenville 1st	$10,267.79	Pastor Paul Brafford
	Williamston 1st	10,200.00	Pastor Rogert Leggett
	Mt. Carmel	10,160.00	Pastor Wiley Hughes
Top 3 – Total Giving	Northwood Temple	305,358.47	Pastor John Hedgepeth
	Gospel Tabernacle	81,154.00	Pastor Ken Milliken
	The First, Goldsboro	59,879.72	Pastor Jimmy Whitfield
Top 3 – Missionary Giving	Gospel Tabernacle	43,175.00	Pastor Ken Milliken
	Greenville First	24,087.00	Pastor Paul Brafford
	The Capital	18,842.50	Tim Marriner
Top 3 – Per Capita	Black Creek	271.81	Pastor Sherwood Page
	Pinetown	162.33	Pastor Robert Knox
	Shiloh (Wilson Dist.)	157.43	Pastor David Wood

Top 3 Percentage Increase in G.O. over 2004 with an offering of at least $500.00

1)Albritton	2003 –	$120.00	Pastor Roger Jones
	2004 –	1,200.00	(1000%)
2) Westroad	2003 –	325.00	Pastor Ricky Nelms
	2004 –	1,583.00	(490%)
3) Damascus Road	2003 –	300.00	Pastor Rick Taylor
	2004 –	1,200.00	(400%)

Top Hispanic G.O. Offerings

1) Oasis (Greenville)	$ 2,175.00	Pastor Abraham Rodriquez
2) King of Kings (Kinston)	1,373.00	Pastor Idelfonso Vargas
3) Gospel Tab Hispanic	1,208.00	Pastor Fernando Angulo

2005: Total Giving Goal $1,600,000.00
G.O. Goal 295,000.00

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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Discussion Activities for Learning

The study of God's Word is by far the most vital exercise in the process of discipleship. Without the study of God's Word, we cannot know what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Bible Quest serves as an excellent tool for teaching God's Word to children and youth in the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Though Scripture memorization is an important part of Bible Quest, it should not be the main focus. Understanding what the Bible says is the primary goal of Bible study. I often tell coaches and quizzers, "Don't just memorize questions and answers. If you study the Bible, it doesn't matter how a question is worded; you will know the answer." With that in mind, Bible Quest coaching sessions should include times of discussion centered on passages of Scripture. Of course, the following points are great for Sunday school or other Bible studies also. The following is excerpted from radiantlife.org (author unknown):

Why use discussion activities?

Discussing an idea or event gives opportunity for students to apply the Bible lessons to their lives. Discussion activities involve students in talking as they learn. This helps the students express their ideas about the subject and how they relate to it.

Ideas for discussion activities

Neighbor Nudging. The students briefly discuss a question with their neighbors. Then volunteers express their thoughts to the whole group.

Buzz Groups. Divide the class into groups of three to five. Give each group a question or topic to discuss. Let a spokesperson for each group summarize what his group discussed.

Questions and Answers. Use thought-provoking questions, such as, "Do you think that some sins are worse than others? Why?"

Brainstorming. Let the students quickly give as many answers as they can about the issue. Then discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each answer.

Reflection. Give each student several minutes to think about and/or write out his ideas about a stated topic. Then let volunteers present their thoughts to the group.

Resource Person. A guest presents his experience or knowledge of an issue or topic. Then the students may ask questions and make comments.

When to use discussion activities

- Discussion activities can be used during most segments of the [Bible Quest] class. They can be used to begin by drawing the students into the theme of the lesson. They can help students focus on the theme.
- Discussion can be used before, during, and after the Bible lesson. Keep this short during the lesson so it doesn't detract from the lesson.
- Life illustration stories provide opportunities for discussion.
- Leave a story unfinished, and let the students discuss what will happen. You may ask a student to share an experience he has had that relates to the topic.

Create good discussion activities

Plan the discussion. For short discussions, this means writing a suitable question and deciding where to use it. For longer discussions, outline the points you wish to cover, jot down leading questions, and research background information.

Guide the discussion. If no one says anything, ask a leading question or make an open-ended comment. If the discussion is leading into a corner, redirect it. Draw out quiet students, and encourage students who are too talkative to give others a chance to speak. Conclude the discussion when the students are finished and/or when a satisfactory conclusion has been reached.

Ask good questions. Good questions require full-sentence, original answers. They have several options instead of one right answer.

Ask the question before you call on a student. If you call a name first, the other children may tune out what you say. Tailor your questions to your students. Ask harder questions of more mature students. Ask simpler questions of less mature students.

Be accepting of the students. Try to avoid saying, "That's wrong." If you must restate an answer, do it with positive comments to the student, such as, "I'm glad you're thinking. Would you like to tell me why you think that?" Then lead him to see a better alternative to his incorrect answer.

Plan now to attend the **NC Conference Bible Quest** finals on Saturday, April 23, at 9:30 a.m. in Falcon.

–Oris Hubbard
NCCEM Bible Quest Coordinator

Remember this month is Resurrection Offering Month.
Take up a special offering for the National CEM Resurrection Offering any Sunday in the month.

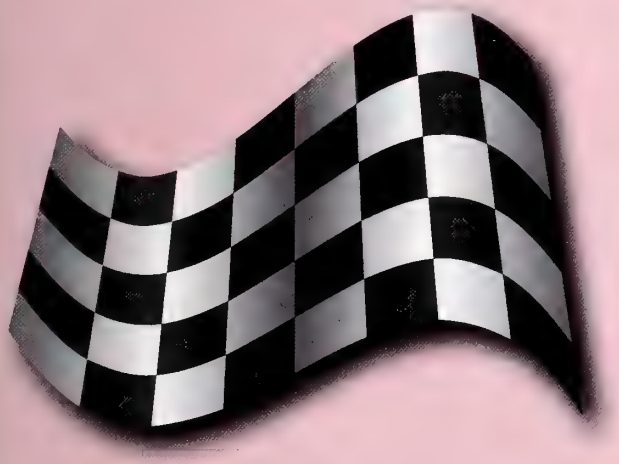
Royal Rangers Reminders!

Ranger of the Year and Pinewood Derby
March 19, 2005

Ranger of the Year: Any boys who meet the Conference Ranger of the Year requirements and have submitted an Outpost Evaluation Form are eligible for this event. Registration will be $10.00 per person and will include lunch and your Pinewood Derby Registration. Any guest who would like to join us for lunch must register as such. The registration for a guest is $3.50.

Final registration and payment will be handled in the Training Center and begins at 8:30am. Checks should be made payable to NCCEM Department. No advance payment will be accepted; however, for proper planning, the registration form must be completed and mailed to **Phil Britt, 641 Deer Acres Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27530.**

- All participants in Ranger of the Year shall be dressed in Royal Rangers Class "A" Uniform.



Pinewood Derby: Any boy or commander who is an active member of a currently chartered outpost in the North Carolina Conference is eligible to enter the Pinewood Derby. Registration will be $7.00 per person and will include lunch. Any guest who would like to join us for lunch must register as such. The registration for a guest is $3.50.

Final registration and payment will be handled in the Tabernacle and begins at 9:00am. Checks should be made payable to NCCEM Department. No advance payment will be accepted. However, for proper planning, the registration form must be completed and mailed to **Luther Suber, 831 Shadowmoss Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28312.**

- All participants in the Pinewood Derby shall be dressed in Royal Rangers T-shirt or sweatshirt and blue jeans or khakis.
- Car kits may be purchased through LifeSprings Resources, Franklin Springs, Georgia, 1-800-541-1376.
- **Address any questions to Commander Phil Britt, 919-736-2523.**

Commanders Awards Banquet
April 16, 2005

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH / APRIL

Rev. H.M. Parson	March 1
Rev. Joseph Guthrie	March 17
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Rev. Guy Prosper	April 29

Evangelism Explosion Clinic

Northwood Temple

Pastor John Hedgepeth, Northwood Temple, Fayetteville, North Carolina, is hosting an Evangelism Explosion Clinic for pastors and laypersons. Dates for the clinic are Monday, April 11, through Friday, April 15, 2005. The cost is $395 per person. If three attend from the same church, the cost is $360 per person. This covers the cost of materials and all meals except lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday. Clinic teachers are furnished by Dr. D. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

For more information, call Susan Baxter, E.E. International, 954-491-6100, or Cal Maulden, Northwood Temple, 910-488-7474.

General Conference 2005

Thursday, July 21
Fine Arts Festival
Registration
Talent Finals
Bible Quest Finals
Sound checks for Friday

Friday, July 22
Fine Arts Festival
Registration
Talent Finals
Bible Quest Finals
Awards Ceremony for Thursday and Friday
Sound Checks for Saturday
Evening Worship
(Open to the public)

Saturday, July 23
Fine Arts Festival
Registration
Talent Finals
Bible Quest Finals
Awards Ceremony for Saturday
Women's Ministries
Registration (Afternoon)

Sunday, July 24
Women's Ministries
Registration
Morning and Evening Worship Services with Guest Speaker: Lisa Bevere
(Morning service open to the public)
Men's Ministries
Registration

Tuesday, July 26
25th General Conference
Opening Ceremonies and Morning Business Session
Afternoon Business Session
Evening Worship Celebration
Speaker: Tony Miller

Wednesday, July 27
25th General Conference
Men's Ministries/Women's Ministries Pastor/Laity Breakfast
Morning Business Session
Plenary Session with Chuck Pierce
Archives Luncheon
Afternoon Business Session
Evening Worship Celebration
Speaker: E.V. Hill, II

Thursday, July
25th General Conference
Morning Business Session
Plenary Session with Ralph Moore
Ministers' Wives Fellowship Luncheon
Afternoon Free
Evening Worship Celebration
Speaker: Ed Silvoso

Friday, July 29
25th General Conference
Morning Business Session
Plenary Session with H.B. London
Afternoon Business Session
Evening Worship Celebration and Installation Service
Speaker: General Superintendent

Monday, July 25
Women's Ministries
Morning/Afternoon Business Sessions
Evening Banquet
Guest Speaker/Singer: Judy Jacobs Tuttle
Men's Ministries
Morning Business Session
Afternoon Training Session with Dr. Dan Erickson
25th General Conference
Registration Opens (Afternoon/Evening)

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"The grass withers, and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever." ~Isaiah 40:8

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Why I Practice and Preach Tithing

I was saved when I was fourteen. I learned to tithe when I was fourteen. In fact, I was taught a double tithe when I was fourteen. I remember the day well.

I had been given a registered Duroc sow by a neighbor as a bonus for work I had done. The sow had ten pigs. Dad said, "Now, son, when the pigs go to market, you can calculate your profit and then tithe." He explained the procedure to me. He then said, "By the way, you should give a pig for barbecue to the church at the annual October barbecue!" I looked toward the pig that was the smallest one – the runt. Dad frowned and looked to the largest pig. That settled it. He became God's pig. I learned double tithing that day, but also the principle of giving God the best.

Betty and I have tithed all our marital life. In fact, in our first month we began also to give each month to missions and to the church schools we had attended. Both had taught us the principle of giving and especially to missions.

In 2004, Betty and I came within a few dollars of giving a double tithe of all our income. That is our immediate goal to reach a double tithe. We have discovered that you cannot outgive God.

We have taught our sons to tithe. They and their wives are faithful givers. I know because I do their taxes! Tithing is not just for the primetimers (over 50). It is a principle for every age group.

Frank M. Hubbard sums it up rather bluntly: "When a fellow says, 'It ain't the money but the principle of the thing,' it's the money." Talk of giving makes many Christians nervous. The idea of tithing makes many angry. In fact, they get quite hostile.

Some try to bypass tithing by substituting some other form of obedience or righteous deed:

"I don't tithe, but I go to church three times a week."

"I don't tithe, but I bring people to church."

"I don't tithe, but I read my Bible and pray more than most people."

On it goes!

I did the opposite one time when I was in my second year at N.C. State. God wanted my life! I said, "Lord when I become a chemical engineer, I can pay a lot more tithe." You see, I was committed to tithing. However, He did not want more tithe; He wanted my life. He ended up with both. Praise the Lord! I am the better for the right decision.

I am sure that becoming a tither provides a definite breakthrough for every Christian. It unlocks the door of his mind, heart, and will. It releases. It emancipates. It frees! Becoming a tither is a milestone in a Christian's life. In other words, tithing does something for a person spiritually. Tithing is so essential to development as a Christian that nothing will be its adequate substitute.

Tithing is God's way. It is His plan. Until one is consistently, regularly, and faithfully tithing, there is something defective about one's Christian life that will not be remedied by any other form of Christian obedience. To tithe is to be obedient!

God never demands obedience without a promise of blessing. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6). "Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 3:10-11).

The storehouse for the individual is the local church. The storehouse for the local church is the conference and General

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Reverend Joseph Lassiter Russell, Jr.

August 13, 1927 – February 2, 2005

On February 2, 2005, Joseph Lassiter Russell, Jr., was ushered into the presence of the Lord. His funeral was held Sunday, February 6, at Baywood Pentecostal Holiness Church. The officiating minister was Dr. John Hedgepeth, assisted by Pastor Oris Hubbard, Rev. Conrad Hall, and Superintendent Chris Thompson. At Falcon Memorial Cemetery, remarks were made by Rev. Gary Strickland, Rev. Conrad Hall, Superintendent Chris Thompson, and Rev. Wiley Clark, who presented the bronze ministerial medallion to Juanita Russell.

By Joe's request, his final worship service was opened by the choir anthem, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates." From the first note of the anthem to the last note of the closing congregational hymn, the service was permeated with the presence of the Holy Spirit. God blessed Joe's final service to be a glorious benediction to his life. To God be the glory.

Joe was born in Tarboro, N.C., to Joseph Lassiter Russell and Margaret Honeycutt Russell. As a young boy, Joe was carried by his newly converted parents to a small church on Cool Spring Street in Fayetteville, N.C., where he was placed on the altar in dedication to God. This dedication was an effectual memory revered by Joe all his life.

After graduation from high school, Joe served in the Army Air Corps. Following his military service, he attended Holmes Bible College in Greenville, S.C. Under the direction of Rev. Ray Stewart, Joe and Raymond Pope represented the college throughout the eastern U.S. Being blessed with voices that seemed created uniquely for harmony, Raymond and Joe were anointed to inspire and edify congregations with their ministry. He also traveled and ministered with two quartets.

In July 1951, Joe married Juanita Gore, a Holmes graduate who at the time was music director of Falcon Children's Home. In 1953 they were blessed with a son, Joseph Lassiter Russell, III.

In conference leadership positions, Joe served as president of N.C. Lifeliners, member of the Ministerial Examining Committee, member of a special study commission to review ministerial retirement, and member of the General Armed Forces Board.

During his 56 years of ministry, he pastored the following churches: Sharon, Bethel, Shiloh (Wilson), St. Paul (Greenville), Kinston First, Roanoke Rapids, Person Street (now Baywood), Emmanuel (Raleigh), Lyon Memorial (Fayetteville), Sanford First, and Chadbourn.

While he was at these pastorates, congregations were blessed and increased, churches were built, renovations were completed, additions were made to existing buildings, and land was procured for future building. Lasting friendships were formed, and fond memories remain to comfort the Russsell family.

The Rev. Joseph Lassiter Russell, Jr., is survived by his wife, Juanita; son, Joseph Lassiter Russell, III; and three sisters, Joyce Russell Hays of Fayetteville, Rebecca Russell Howard of Harkers Island, and Susan Russell Norris of New Bern. One sister, Margaret (Peggy) Russell Farmer, of Raleigh preceded him in death.

God bless to us the memory of Joseph Lassiter Russell, Jr.

Clayton Guthrie, Jr.

February 15, 1920 – February 10, 2005

Reverend Clayton Guthrie, a warrior of the faith and foundational leader of the North Carolina Conference, left us for his heavenly home early on February 10, 2005. He was a friend and mentor. He was one of the greatest preachers I have ever heard. He preached what he lived and he lived what he preached.

Clayton and Sudie Guthrie were blessed with their first-born child, Clayton Guthrie Jr., on February 20, 1920, at the small fishing village called Harkers Island. The wind was blowing strong from the southwest on that cold February morning. The midwife announced, "You have a healthy baby boy!" and their joy knew no bounds. Thirteen years later, a sister, Verona Joyce, was born.

Clayton Jr. married the love of his life, Ellen Hancock, May 3, 1941, over 63 years ago, in New Bern, North Carolina, at the Methodist parsonage in a ceremony performed by the pastor. In June 1946, their son, Clayton ("Bradley") was born. He was a bright spot in their home.

It was a lovely Sunday night, October 15, 1946, when the Lord saved Brother Clayton. It was during a revival at the little white frame building known as the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He joined the church in May 1947. He would serve the church as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, singer and secretary-treasurer. Nine years later, on Friday, September 9, 1955, Brother Clayton turned in his resignation at the USMC Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina, and walked away to enter the ministry on a full-time basis with

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Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Interpersonal Relationship Skills for Ministers

ed. by Jeanine Cannon Bozeman and Argile Smith. Gretna, Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Company.

253 pages.

Relationships in ministry play a key role in the practice and success of Christian ministry. Relationships can make or break a ministry; therefore, possessing the necessary interpersonal relationship skills is vital for the minister. This publication, consisting of 22 chapters divided into 5 major sections, written by professors and professionals in the field who integrate Scriptural teachings with current psychological principles, will serve as an excellent resource for understanding the nature of relationships, how they function together, and even where they begin.

The five major sections include (1) Your Relationship with Yourself, (2) Your Relationship with Your Family, (3) Your Relationship in Your Home, (4) Your Relationships in Your Church, and (5) Your Relationship in Your Community. To master these relationships, ministers need to nurture a healthy self-concept, improve communication skills, develop listening skills, make decisions, and learn forgiveness. Whether you are a seminary student or a seasoned pastor, this book offers helpful information designed to nurture healthy relationships that help promote Kingdom work.

The heart of Christianity is about relationships, as the Great Commandment reveals. Studying the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, who exemplified in principle and practice the Great Commandment, can yield positive results for the Christian leader. Many of the articles incorporate the words and actions of Jesus illustrating the principles being taught. In terms of relationships, Jesus, who walked among people doing good, was a bridge-builder, not a wall-builder. He genuinely related to people, never attempting to manipulate or take advantage of them. He exhorted believers to love their enemies. He taught that reaching out to others is never about condoning, but about showing compassion. If all of us, including myself, could respond like Jesus, we would all be better off.

The chapter "Learning to Relate to Difficult People," though brief, was very helpful. Most of us know at least one person who could be classified as "hard to get along with." Why are some people hard to get along with? Why do some seem to be heartbreakers and troublemakers? One reason difficult people behave the way they do is that their behavior gets them what they want. Their behavior often produces the results they are looking for, regardless of who is hurt and the damage that is done. Bozeman deals with a variety of difficult people, including the attacker, the sniper, the know-it-all, the overcommitter, the indecisive, the whiner, the despairer (wet-blanket), and the zipper mouth (clam). Well-intentioned dragons indeed are not extinct.

If you are like me, you need books that are more than just interesting. You want to grow, improve, mature, and develop into a more useful servant and leader. It doesn't hurt to take personal inventory of your relationships. It would also help to pray about the Lord's helping you to strengthen your relationships within yourself and with others. This book will aid the process of learning to adapt and adopt helpful and healthy principles to improve relationships. Sometimes, as many of the authors contend, it may mean lovingly confronting people. Take the advice of Barney Fife, the legendary one-bullet, ruthless but otherwise harmless deputy: "You've got to nip it in the bud…nip it, nip it, nip it!" Lesson well taken!

More Than Conquerors: A Guide to Recovery and Healing for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Rape

by Sandy G. Sasser. Baltimore: Publish America.

75 pages.

The ills of society plague Americans every day in one way or another. Sexual abuse continues to rise in this country with no signs of abating. Ministers and church leaders face this issue in their congregations at alarming rates. We cannot afford to be ignorant about this vice that threatens to steal the innocence and lives of children and adults. Sasser, a member of the Whitley Pentecostal Holiness Church, holds a B.S. degree in psychology and an M.S. degree in counseling. She is the founder of Biblical Truth Counseling, a ministry designed to help the hurting.

The book contains "stories" of various people Sandy has encountered who have experienced sexual abuse, including her own dramatic testimony of personal sufferings and successful recovery. She defines and describes sexual abuse and the consequences of such behavior. It would be surprising just how many of our own people who suffer silently from sexual abuse seek to cover up their feelings and keep secret their past. Sasser suggests that those who have been hurt learn to hurt others themselves. Having been harmed in the past, with no positive outlet, may lead to harming the ones you love. Emotional wounds take much longer to heal than

most physical wounds. Nothing hurts like hurting on the inside.

But the author does more than present vivid details of abused persons. She offers helpful insight to the healing process of becoming more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus. She contends that complete healing is possible only with God's help. She states, "God ... is the Healer of all wounds, physical, mental, spiritual or emotional." At the end of each of the 10 chapters, she presents questions for reflection and discussion. I found the book informative and insightful. Thank you, Sandy, for a job well done!

Winning With People: Discover the People Principles That Work for You Every Time

by John Maxwell. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers. 275 pages.

If the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing, then surely keeping important things important is just as valid in terms of leadership and winning with people. Improving relationships enhances ministry productivity and success. This publication is more than simply getting back to basics. It rises to the level of helping seasoned veterans in the Christian ministry who may be tempted to believe there is nothing else to learn about how to deal effectively with people. Maxwell, a knowledgeable person who has made a living and a ministry in working with others, presents a valuable resource for Christian leaders in the time-tested 25 "people principles" that build and maintain good relationships.

The author plainly states, "Our people skills determine our potential success." This means that if we lack people skills, there will be little or no success in life. People can be the wind beneath our wings or the anchor on our boat. It also means that if we are weak in people skills, there is hope in developing the necessary people skills for success. Indeed if you can win with people, then you can win. It is more rewarding to resolve a situation than to dissolve a relationship. Jesus Christ taught that relationships with God, self, and others are the essence of life. Life success depends on the quality of relationships with others. In fact, if I had to choose one word that would summarize the Bible from Genesis through Revelation, it would be "relationships." God created us as relational beings. Sin brings alienation and separation. Hurting people tend to carry a lot of baggage through life. Righteousness and true holiness promote positive, meaningful, and worthwhile relationships with God, self, and others. Who we are determines how we see others. A right vertical relationship with God enhances our horizontal relationships with others. The more we love God, the more we will love others because God is love. Our love relationship with Him causes us to reflect His character and nature in life. There is great reward in growing in our relationship with God and with others. Our influence with others increases as we build positive and healthy relationships.

The book is divided according to five critical questions we must ask ourselves if we want to win with people: (1) Readiness: Are we prepared for relationships? (2) Connection: Are we willing to focus on others? (3) Trust: Can we build mutual trust? (4) Investment: Are we willing to invest in others? (5) Synergy: Can we create a win-win relationship? Maxwell asserts that if you learn and practice the people principles, you will be able to answer each of the questions in a positive way. Building healthy, effective, and fulfilling relationships makes you into the kind of person who can help others become successful as well. Indeed, it is a win-win relationship!

I heartily and enthusiastically recommend this book for your personal enrichment and professional development. Happy Reading!

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL / MAY

Rev. Patricia Johnson	April 2
Rev. Vera Griffin	April 7
Rev. Jesse Horne	April 8
Rev. G.S. Holliday	April 11
Rev. Richard Waters	April 13
Rev. W.J. Forehand	April 17
Rev. Rodney Knowles`	April 23
Rev. Jettie Parker	April 24
Rev. Elton Lancaster	April 27
Rev. Georgia Osborne	April 28
Rev. Guy Prosper	April 28
Rev. Ralph Leggett	May 17
Rev. Lee Toler	May 19
Rev. R.N. Hood	May 19
Rev. Elsie Arthur	May 19
Rev. McElree Purifoy	May 28
Rev. Royce Beacham	May 29

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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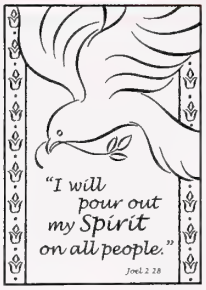
"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"



Patsy's Paragraphs

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." (Joel 2:28, KJV)

Dear Women of God,

May I ask a question? Do you dare to dream? I was reading an article in the *Raleigh News and Observer* recently. It was called, "Dream Aids Africa." It was the story of a woman born in Cabarrus County who longed for her African family and constantly talked about going there to find them. She even had dreams of people she was convinced were her relatives beckoning her to come to Africa. Her friends and family would laugh at her and tell her she was crazy. She eventually graduated from high school and won a four-year scholarship to N.C. A & T State University to study home economics, which she turned down to study nursing. However, in April 1978, she finally got to go to Africa for a two-week visit. "I felt like I was finally where I belonged," she said. She later returned to Africa for twelve years.

As I read this article, I couldn't help but think about our dreams and vision for Women's Ministries. We have unchurched women and young girls who need someone to reach out to them. On April 22-23, our conference Girl's Ministries team is planning the Missionettes Leadership Training in Falcon. If you have a vision for Girl's Ministry, this is the place to be. If you have only one girl in your congregation, you need the Missionettes Program. It works! It's not too late to register; just give Bobbi McNeese, our conference Girl's Ministries coordinator, a call. Her number is 910-533-3010.

Whatever your dreams, we are serving a great big God. He wants to bless you, and He wants you to be a blessing. Some of us may never be able to go to a foreign country, but we have a mission field right here in our own homes, churches, and communities. Don't be afraid to dream. Remember, Together We Can Make a Difference!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

"Give us this day our daily bread."

When you go to buy bread in the grocery store, have you ever wondered which is the freshest, so you "squeeze" for freshness or softness? Did you know that bread is delivered fresh to the stores five days a week? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each day has a different color twist tie. They are Monday=Blue, Tuesday=Green, Thursday=Red, Friday=White, and Saturday=Yellow. So if today were Thursday, you would want red twist tie, not white, which is Friday's (almost a week old)! The colors go alphabetically by color: Blue-Green-Red-White-Yellow, Monday through Saturday. Very easy to remember. I thought this was interesting. I looked in the grocery store, and the bread wrappers *do* have different twist ties; even the ones with plastic clips have different colors. You learn something new every day! Enjoy fresh bread when you buy bread with the right color.

2004 Happy Hearts Bus Trip

Eric Miller, bus driver; Rev. Cecil Berry, pastor; Harold Nock, member; and members of the church

Early on Monday morning, October 25, the buzz of excitement began in Williamston and Rocky Mount as 50 Happy Hearts filled the American Classic bus, while driver Eric Miller loaded luggage and ... more luggage in the storage area, and then Christmas stockings. (Where could we load approximately 500 stockings?) Marjorie Teachey, tour coordinator and trip escort, also was standing by wondering if we should leave behind Christmas stockings, luggage, or all those boxes and bags of goodies!

Thanks to Living Faith Church in Rocky Mount for allowing some of the stockings to be left behind for later shipment.

Tuesday morning was an exciting time when the bus pulled in to make our delivery of Christmas stockings to the Agape Christian Ministries. Rev. Cecil Berry, pastor, and a group of adults and children with open arms and great smiles met us with Southern hospitality, or "Christian hospitality."

Picture of some of the children

A number of children present received stockings last year, and they expressed appreciation for their gifts – toothpaste, gloves, socks, etc. Harold Nock gave personal testimony. He said, "I was a junkie for 30 years and was at the end of my rope – I had absolutely nothing. I met Rev. Berry, and this church gave me a warm, loving welcome. The power of Jesus changed my life and all my desires. I now have a home, job, and church family. I thank God for my life-changing experience."

After such an enriching experience at the Agape Church in Pittsburgh, we continued our trip to Niagara Falls, New York, and Canada. The Happy Hearts salute Marjorie Teachey and thank her for a job well done. Many have commented, "This was the very best trip yet!"

(Submitted by Blanche S. Pollard, Conference Happy Hearts Director)

COUPLES' RETREAT 2004

On Friday, October 15, 2004, 70 people met in Winston-Salem to begin the 13th annual N.C. Conference Couples' Retreat. After a delicious meal, we had a scavenger hunt and spent the rest of the night getting to know each other.

Saturday morning was free time for each couple. Some of us toured Old Salem, went shopping, or ... slept in! Saturday evening, we all assembled to worship with the Gaithers at the Greensboro Coliseum. We had a great time with the Isaacs, the Gaither Vocal Band, and many others.

After breakfast Sunday morning, we worshiped with Rev. and Mrs. Joe Arthur, retired Overseas Mission Coordinators to Africa. It was a great and relaxing weekend!

(Submitted by Cathy Ward)

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"Partners in Ministry"

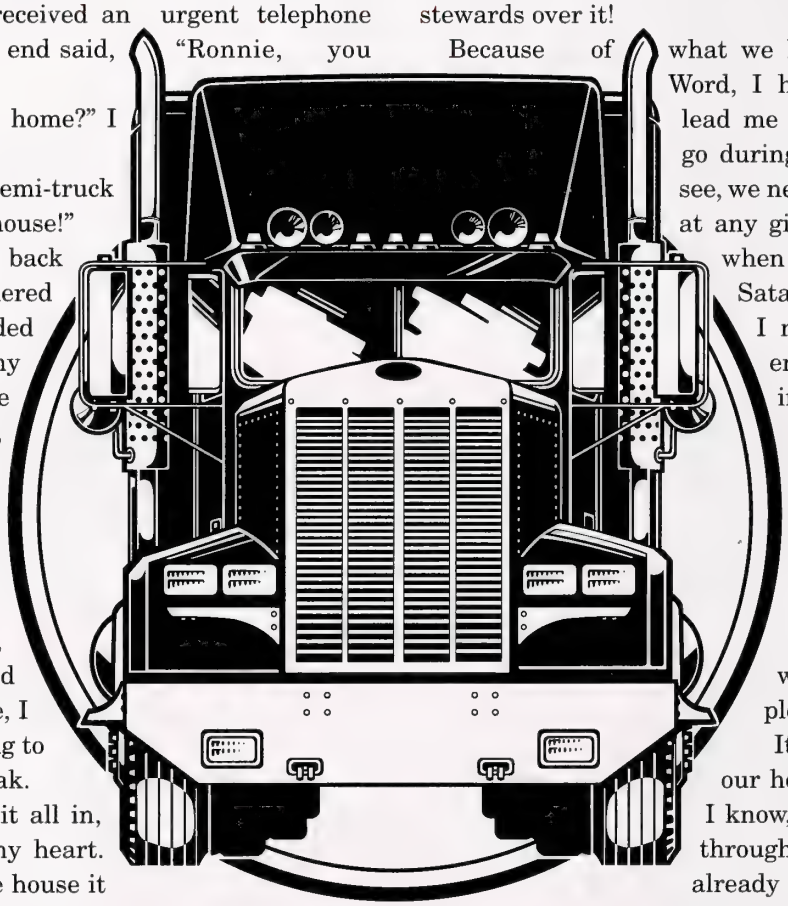
There's a *What* in My Living Room?

Tuesday, February 8, 2005, I had just returned to work from lunch when I received an urgent telephone call. The voice on the other end said, "Ronnie, you need to come home."

"Why do I need to come home?" I asked.

The voice replied, "A semi-truck has just crashed into your house!"

Talk about taking a step back – I did! Immediately, I gathered my things together and headed home. As I came up to my house, there were people everywhere. Fire trucks, police cars, emergency vehicles and news people surrounded my house. There, parked in my living room, was a semi-truck!



In a matter of minutes, my life had been turned inside out. For a little while, I didn't know what I was going to do. The situation looked bleak.

As I was trying to take it all in, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart. He reminded me just whose house it was. You see, my wife and I had recently enrolled in a class at church called Crown Ministries. We have been learning to view finances from God's perspective. In our class, we have been studying about becoming debt-free. We also learned that everything belongs to God, and we are only stewards over it!

Because of what we have been studying in the Word, I have been able to let God lead me in the directions I need to go during this trying situation. You see, we never know what may happen at any given moment. We were told when we started this class that Satan would probably attack us. I never imagined that would entail a semi-truck barreling into my home!

But, you see, God knew what we needed before it ever happened! God knew that I needed Crown Ministries to touch my life and stretch me in a new direction so I could deal with this situation in a way pleasing to my Lord.

It will be some time before our house is back to normal. But I know, with God, we will make it through the difficult places. I can already see beauty emerging from the ashes! "All things work for good…!" I encourage you to take the Crown Ministries course if you ever get the opportunity. You will never be the same; I know I'm not!

—Ronnie Basden

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BECOMING A PRAYER WARRIOR

Why pray?

1 Samuel 12:23 – "Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way."

Miracles are occurring in Africa and other parts of the world with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, yet we are not experiencing it in our Western culture.

Questions: Lord, why are we not seeing miracles in our Western culture? Lord, we are bogged down in traditions and doctrine?

Answer: "No these people are receiving because they have no fear of man." What people think and what we expect of others get in our way.

The fear of man is our greatest detriment to knowing and serving God.

The Purpose of Prayer

- Prayer is the lifestyle of every Christian.
- Prayer is more than calling on a heavenly Butler for daily service. In John 14:12, Jesus said that because He was going to the Father, we would do even greater works than He did.
- Prayer is the responsibility of every Christian and is our privilege.
- Prayer is entering into relationship with God, and it helps us determine His will.
- Prayer helps us call His will into existence upon the earth.
- Prayer is talking to God on behalf of others. (1 Tim. 2:1-2)
- Prayer is a command of God and He exhorts us to do it. (Eph.6:18; Matt. 26:41; 1 Thes. 5:17)

The Priority of Prayer

- Prayer was the priority in Jesus' life.
- Jesus is pictured praying all night. (Luke 6:12)
- Jesus going off alone to be with the Father. (Matt.14: 23; Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16; Luke 16:12)
- Jesus fasted for long periods of time. (Luke 4:2; Matt. 6:18, 25, 31; Heb. 7:25) Jesus made prayer a priority over the physical appetite.
- Prayer was the primary communication link between Jesus and the Father.

He wanted to be:

1) Obedient to
2) United with
3) Empowered by the Father

- Prayer is to be every believer's priority for all the above reasons.
- Prayer is the way that we, His branches, draw the nutrients we need from God the Vine to produce the fruit of His Spirit in our lives.
- Prayer is the primary ministry of every believer.

Ministry to God must come before ministry to people. 1 Peter 2:9 says you are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

As we follow Christ's example, we too must freely give ourselves to prayer. Prayer is:

- A love response to the burden of others.
- An unselfish work that is often unseen and unappreciated by others.
- To stand in the presence and pleasure of the Lord. (Matt. 6:5; Heb. 7:25)
- Able to bring us to oneness of heart with God.
- Able to help us experience God's heartache over the lost.
- Able to help us have His compassion for the hurting.
- Able to help us have His love for others, even our enemies. (Phil. 2:3, 4; Eph. 1:15,16; Phil. 1:3,4,7)
- Powerful, especially when based upon God's Word.

When you read the Word and pray the Word, it becomes God's own Word, alive in your mouth. God said that His Word will not return to Him empty, without accomplishing what He desires, and without succeeding in the matter for which He sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

Praying the Word:

- Should be quickened by the Holy Spirit.
- Should not be a religious activity.
- Should be based on faith.
- Should agreeing with God's will for the circumstance.
- Faith should be the motivation behind your prayer

Praying the Word this way will assure you that God will work in cooperation with you. (Heb. 11:6)

Prayer based on faith:

- Bears fruit for the kingdom.
- Pleases God. God will give you direction, wisdom, knowledge, strength and protection. (Col. 1:9-11; Ps. 40:1, 2; John 15:7, 8)
- Makes a way for God to act with sovereignty on earth. (Matt. 6:10)

God has chosen to work through people, not around them. (Matt. 18:18) Heaven waits for those of us on earth to pray for things to happen.

E. Stanley Jones said, "We align ourselves with the purpose and power of God, and He is able to do things through us that He could not do otherwise." God seeks for a person, an intercessor, to plead for His perfect will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Isa. 43:26; Jer. 1:12)

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

AGRADECIMIENTO A LOS PASTORES

A los pastores que asistieron a la actividad de "Great Commission meal" (Comida Pro-Misiones) en la iglesia Nueva Jerussalem en McGhee CrossRoads y la iglesia Oasis de Esperanza en Greenville, el 26 de enero y el 2 de febrero. Adelante con sus metas y programas de Misiones en su iglesia local.

También a todos los que asistieron al último Entrenamiento Hispano el 18 y 19 de Febrero, para reforzar la visión Misionera, es nuestra meta y oración que cada iglesia sea una iglesia con "Visión Misionera"

NUEVA IGLESIA EN LA CONFERENCIA

Felicitamos al pastor Arnoldo Santibanez y su preciosa congregación "El Tabernáculo" en el pueblo de Cresswell. El pasado sábado 26 de febrero fue organizada como la iglesia Hispana número 36 de la Conferencia.

COMITÉ DE LIDERAZGO HISPANO

Los hermanos Fernando Angulo, Abraham Rodriguez, Francisco Concepción, José Serrano, Juan Parker y Luis Avila. Saludamos a todos los pastores y las iglesias de nuestra Conferencia, oramos y les deseamos la victoria, el progreso, el crecimientoy las bendiciones de Dios sobre todos ustedes. También nos ponemos a su servicio para ayudarles en todo lo que podamos.

REFLEXION MINISTERIAL

La salud espiritual del pastor

El Salmo 139:23 dice: "Examíname, oh Dios, y conoce mi corazón; pruébame y conoce mis pensamientos;...". Como ministros del Señor, necesitamos someternos a una evaluación espiritual periódica, y se nos aconseja que no confiemos en nuestra propia evaluación del estado de nuestra vida, porque las apariencias engañan. Jeremías 17:9 dice que el corazón es engañoso. Será entonces necesario hablar con otros que ven con mayor objetividad nuestra vida. Entre esas personas claves deben estar el cónyuge, su familia y tus companeros en el ministerio. Claro debes darles la libertad para que puedan compartir lo que observan en tu vida. Recuerda a Jetro y el consejo que le dio a Moisés? (Exodo 18) Jetro estaba observando lo que Moises hacía y le aconsejó; es muy valiosa e importante la respuesta dispuesta y humilde de Moises al hacer los cambios que necesitaba.

Hay algunos sintomas espirituales, donde ciertas actitudes y comportamientos nos avisan de que no todo está como debería, veamos algunos de ellos, examinemos y hagamos la corrección que amerita con la gracia y la ayuda de Dios.

- *Comodidad con el pecado* – ya no le molesta el pecado ni se siente mal porque esté presente en su vida.
- *Desánimo* – mira para atrás y cree que no ha logrado nada en el ministerio
- *Sentimiento de derrota* – observa el futuro y no despierta en usted ninguna esperanza.
- *Baja autoestima* – siente que nadie aprecia todo el esfuerzo que usted hace.
- *Falta de gozo y gratitud* – existen pocos momentos en la vida de verdadera celebración por la bondad de Dios.
- *Falta de dirección* – trabaja por inercia, sin un proyecto claro.
- *Falta de emoción frente a lo Divino* – ya no le conmueve la intervención de Dios en su vida ni la de otros
- *Vida devocional pobre* – hace tiempo que no disfruta de tiempo a solas con el Señor.
- *Vida matrimonial tensa* – la armonía y el gozo ya no son parte de su hogar.
- *Fastidio en las relaciones* – las personas, que son la razón por la cual está en el ministerio, le resultan molestas.
- Espíritu de crítica – vive señalando lo que otros están haciendo mal.

Es importante identificar síntomas como estos, y buscar al Señor por una renovación de nuestra pasión por El, Su obra, nuestra familia y la gente. Hay dos razones por las que el salmista oró la oración que vimos en el Salmo 139:23. La primera es que el Señor viera la situación de su vida, la realidad de lo que estaba suciendo y se lo mostrara a él.

La segunda razón fue para pedir ser guiado por el camino correcto, pidiendo la intervención de Dios en los cambios y transformación que el necesitaba. Así de la misma manera si algunos de esos síntomas que vimos antes están en nuestra vida, ahora mismo busquemos al Señor por Su ayuda y con Su poder mantengamos una buena salud espiritual y emocional.

THANK YOU, PASTORS

Thanks to the pastors who attended the activity of the "Great Commission meal" in the New Jerussalem Church in McGhee CrossRoads and the church Oasis de Esperanza in Greenville, January 26 and February 2. Keep up with your goals and Missions programs in your local churches.

Also, to all those who attended the last Hispanic Training on February 18 and 19, in order to reinforce the Missionary Vision, it is our goal and prayer that every church be a church with "Missionary Vision."

NEW CHURCH IN THE CONFERENCE

We congratulate Pastor Arnoldo Santibanez and his beautiful congregation, The Tabernacle, in the town of Cresswell. As of this past February 26, 36 Hispanic churches were organized in the conference.

THE HISPANIC LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The members of the Hispanic Leadership Committee are Fernando Angulo, Abraham Rodriguez, Francisco Concepción, José Serrano, Juan Parker and Luis Avila. We greet all the pastors and churches of our conference; we pray and want victory, progress, growth, and the blessings of God on all of you. We also offer our time and help in ministry to you in whatever area we can help.

MINISTERIAL REFLECTION

The spiritual health of the pastor

Psalm 139:23 says, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Examine me, test me and know my anxious thoughts..." As ministers of the Lord, we need to submit ourselves to a spiritual periodic evaluation, and we have advice not to rely on our own evaluation of the state of our lives, because appearances deceive. Jeremiah 17:9 says that the heart is deceitful. It is necessary for us to speak with others who can be more objective about our lives. Among these key people should be your spouse, your family, and your partner in ministry. We should give them the freedom to share what they observe in our lives. Do you remember Jethro and the advice he gave to Moses? (Exodus 18) Jethro was observing what Moses was doing and advised him; very valuable and important was the willing and humble answer of Moses upon making the changes that he needed.

There are some spiritual symptoms, where certain attitudes and behaviors warn us that not everything is as should be; let's look at some of them and use them to examine ourselves, and let's be ready to make the necessary corrections with the grace and the help of God.

- *Comfortable with sin* – Sin no longer bothers you; neither do you feel wrong because it is present in your life.
- *Discouraged* – You look at the past, and you believe that have not achieved anything in the ministry.
- *Feeling of defeat* – You look toward the future and don't wake up with any hope in you.
- *Low self-esteem* – You feel that nobody appreciates all the effort that you make.
- *Lack of joy and gratitude* – There are few moments in your life when there is a true celebration of the kindness of God.
- *Lack of direction* – You work with inertia, without a clear project.
- *Lack of emotion in front of the Divine* – You are no longer moved by God's intervention in your life nor in the lives of those who are close to you.
- *Poor devotional life* – It has been a while since you enjoyed time alone with the Lord.
- *Matrimonial tense life* – Harmony and joy are no longer part of your home.
- *Annoyance in relationships* – You find annoying the people who are the reason you are in ministry.
- *Spirit of criticism* – You live pointing out what others are doing wrong.

It is very important to identify symptoms like these and seek the Lord for renovation of our passion for the Lord, His work, our family, and people. There are two reasons for which the writer prayed the prayer we see in Psalm 139:23. The first reason was that the Lord saw the situation of his life, the reality of what was happening, and would show him the situation. The second reason was in order to ask to be guided to the correct way, requesting the intervention of God for the changes and transformation that he needed. If some of those symptoms listed above are in our lives, we need right now to seek the Lord's help and with His power and grace maintain good spiritual and emotional health.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

THUNDER OVER GREENVILLE!

by Rev. Steve Enloe

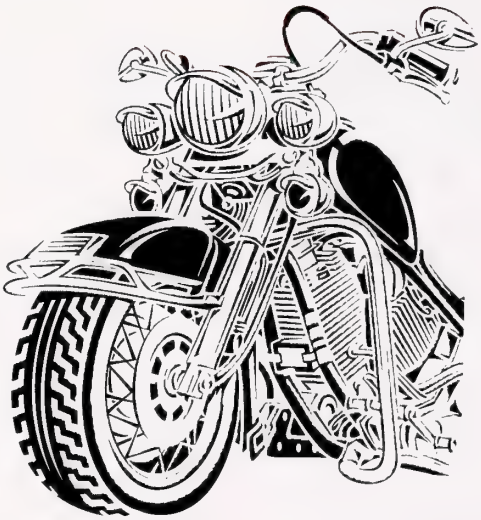
The first Mission M25 Christian motorcycle rally will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2005, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon at the Greenville First Pentecostal Holiness Church. The church is located at 204 Brinkley Road in Greenville, N.C.

Mission M25 is a ministry of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and the North Carolina Conference. There are four ministries under the umbrella of Mission M25:

- Jail / Prison Ministry
- Rehabilitation/Recovery Ministry
- Homeless/Hungry Ministry
- Biker/Motorcycle Club Ministry

During this meeting...

- Mr. Sam Jones (Kinston First Church) will offer training in ministry to homeless and hungry people.
- Mr. George Benton (Baywood Church) will update us on his ministry at the Cumberland County Jail.
- Rev. Dave Thompson will offer training in ministry to people suffering from substance abuse and addictions.
- Mr. Earl Haddock (Family Life Tabernacle Church/regional Christian Motorcycle Association director) will lead the main session concerning biker ministry.



Our goal is to equip churches for M25 ministries, to be conducted under the direction of the pastor. Remember the words of Jesus: "As ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Come be with us! Thank you for announcing this meeting in your church. For more information, please contact Rev. Steve Enloe, conference point man, at (910) 425-7474.

World Missions Giving

In the March edition of the *Evangel* we listed the top churches in several missions giving categories. Perhaps your church was not listed; however, be assured that ***every church*** that supports missions is appreciated.

Thank you, ***Pastor and Local Missions Director***, for your faithful support. This year will again prove to be our greatest year ever because of **you**.

During the recent World Missions Board meeting, we approved two new missionary couples. Both of them are from the North Carolina Conference. They are Ricky and Martha Bizzell, from Thompson's Chapel in Wilson, and Daniel and Rocio Pitti from Northwood Temple in Fayetteville. We praise God for these new couples. The Bizzells will be headed to Costa Rica and the Pittis to Honduras. Of course, both couples have to raise their support, and that's where we are counting on you. I will soon be sending you information concerning both of these couples.

This brings the total of North Carolina missionaries to nineteen, and I have to say an impressive, great corps of missionaries represents this conference.

Evangelism:

We have just finished our 2005 Evangelism Rallies; we had six Anglo and two Hispanic. In each rally, there were a good number of pastors and leadership present. The speakers for the meetings were Dr. Ronald Carpenter, director of EVUSA, and Rev. Charlene West. The focus of the meetings was planting churches – more directly, Churches Mothering Churches. Bro. Carpenter and Sis. West did a splendid job in issuing the challenge and laying out biblical principles for church planting and "Churches Mothering Churches." I know that the past couple of articles have been devoted to "Churches Mothering Churches"; however, I want to take the time to follow up on the message of the evangelism rallies. I do want to emphasize that the "planting of churches is the most effective tool under heaven of spreading the gospel."

It was evident that the Holy Spirit was dealing with some pastors and leaders regarding the mothering of a church. Perhaps, **you** were one of them and now you wonder, How do I proceed with this vision and burden to plant/mother a church? There are a couple of suggestions I would like to make.

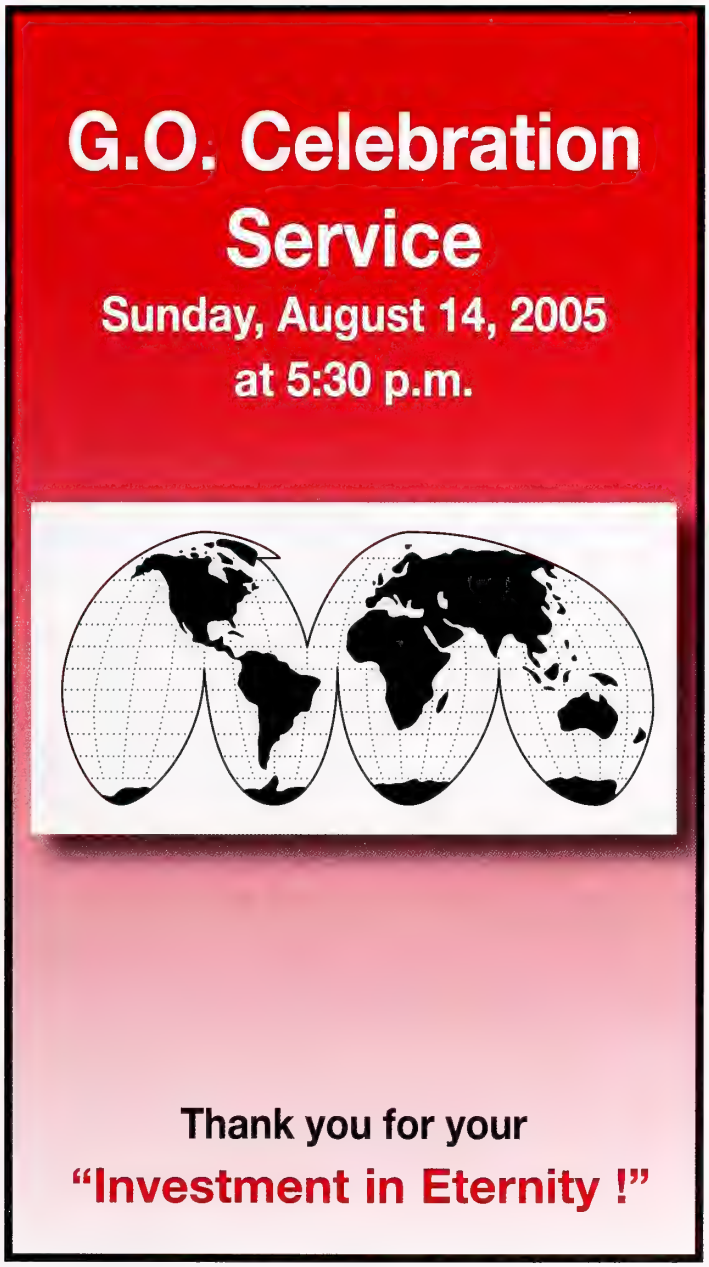
First, ask some intercessors to bring this matter before God for direction, wisdom, and resources. This first matter of prayer cannot be overlooked or circumvented. It is necessary and vital to bathe the matter of planting/mothering a church with prayer. We have to have the mind of God in order to be successful. It has to be understood that planting/mothering a church is a matter of spiritual warfare; you're colliding with the force of darkness/evil; you're invading the territory of Satan, and he will do all possible to thwart the effort from the get-go. Do not rush this matter of intercessory prayer; perhaps it should take even three to six months.

Second, prepare messages that emphasize and motivate people with the idea of church planting or mothering a church; there is no better source of preaching on this subject that the book of Acts. Two-thirds of the book is on this subject, and it provides great information and motivation. Your people need to be directed into the theme and focus of this great book. They must understand that reproduction is a natural and normal process even in churches and that they can be involved in mothering a church. After all, where would they be if no one had had a vision for planting your church? I often think, Where would I be if God hadn't birthed in the heart of Sam Whichard in early 1951 the planting of a church in Robersonville? We need to realize that some people will not come to our church, so we must provide to them the option of coming to a church that is not like ours.

Third, spend ample time in preparing the hearts of your leadership to take on the vision of planting/mothering a church. Leadership must have ownership of the vision; it cannot be just your vision and burden. They need to know how to go about setting up the structure of a new church. Perhaps in your leadership there is a person who is capable of leading this new effort. The leadership team will be instrumental in the launch and success of the new church; therefore, it is vital that they understand and receive training in the process. There are several good resources on the subject; I'll suggest one: *The Church in the New Testament* by Kevin Conner from City Publishers.

Fourth, after much prayer, preaching on the subject, and preparing the leadership, present the case to the people of the congregation. Their hearts and thinking have now been cultivated towards the vision of church planting/mothering. The concept of church planting must be an intentional effort with much preparation.

My prayer is that across this conference, God will plant the vision of church planting/mothering in the hearts of pastors, ministers and congregations. We must become a church planting movement, not simply an organization that plants churches.



Why I Practice and Preach Tithing ...continued from page 2

Church. This is God's principle. It works!

Why do Christians not tithe? There are several reasons. Some Christians do not tithe because they have not been taught to tithe. The answer is simple here. Teach!

Some Christians do not tithe because of a misunderstanding of the place of God's law in the Bible. They think it is just an Old Testament principle, as if that releases somehow. Tithing was so deeply imbedded in the Jewish conscience that it needed virtually no mention in the New Testament. Tithing was an assumption in Israel when Jesus came on the scene. "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith; these ought you to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matthew 23:23).

Some Christians do not tithe because they refuse to do so. Some are convinced; others don't want to be convinced. Many do not want to be convinced. They retreat into blissful ignorance. Such are not enriched! They are impoverished. They live under a curse.

O.S. Hawkins put it like this:

> "The principal hindrance to the advancement of the Kingdom of God is greed. It is the chief obstacle to heaven-sent revival. It seems that when the back of greed is broken, the human spirit soars into regions of unselfishness. I believe it is safe to say there can be no continuous revival without 'hilarious' giving. And I bear no contradiction: wherever there is 'hilarious' giving, there will soon be revival!"

In summary then, why should a Christian tithe? It is biblical! Refer to Leviticus 27:30, 1 Corinthians 16:2, and 2 Corinthians 9:6. Tithing will bless the work of God on earth. Tithing will bless God in heaven. Tithing pleases Him because it is done in faith. One should tithe because of what it does for him. God blesses obedience.

Why do I tithe? Why not? I would be foolish not to!

Clayton Guthrie, Jr. ...continued from page 3

his faithful companion by his side. He continued to serve the Lord in this capacity for nearly 50 years.

It is interesting to note that Brother Guthrie entered the ministry full-time even before he received any credentials. He was called of God. Man would later recognize that call.

He received his mission worker's license in November 1955 at the Hodges Chapel Church. He was licensed in August 1956 at Falcon during the annual conference. He was ordained by Bishop J.A. Synan two years later in 1958. Reverend J. Floyd Williams, a future bishop, led the prayer.

During his years of ministry, he served 31 years as a pastor and near 20 years as an evangelist. He served eight years as a General Church evangelist. He pastored six churches – Benson, Culbreth Memorial, Tarboro, Emmanuel, New Bern, and Harkers Island, his longest pastorate, at three occasions for nearly 22 years.

This servant of God and proclaimer of biblical truth preached over 7,300 sermons. He performed 115 marriages, conducted 315 funerals, and preached in 452 revivals and camp meetings. His records show more than 1250 people were saved as a result of his ministry.

Clayton Guthrie was not only a preacher, but he was a leader. He was elected and reelected to serve 22 years on the North Carolina Conference Board. Fourteen of these were as assistant superintendent. He served on the General Loan Fund board and many North Carolina Conference and General Church committees.

Clayton Guthrie was superannuated in 1986, but he never retired. Until recently, due to health, he and Sister Ellen continued to minister faithfully and serve the great church they loved. His attitude toward ministry was always wholesome. In 1991, when asked to sing at the Falcon Camp Meeting, he replied, "If you have faith enough to invite us, we must have faith to answer in the affirmative. Pray for us that we will be a blessing." In 2003, Pastor Ronnie Gurganus invited him to preach for the eighth time at the 2004 Piney Grove Camp Meeting. He replied, "If the Lord does not come or until the rapture calls me home, and I have the strength, I will go." He did go, and preach he did! It was his last revival and camp meeting.

The celebration home-going service was held at the Harkers Island Church. He was laid to rest in the Vergie Mae Cemetery in his beloved Harkers Island. Pastor Timothy Bowen, Reverend Tim Odom, Superintendent Chris Thompson, and Bishop James Leggett spoke.

Reverend Wiley and Jean Clark, Reverend Roland and Phyllis Harrell, Jimmy Guthrie, the Lewis Family (Reverends Terry, Phillip, and Sharron), and the Harkers Island Trio furnished special music. It was a glorious time in the Lord!

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; a son, Bradley; a sister, Joyce Creekmore, and her husband, Charlie, of Greensboro; a nephew, Andy Creekmore of Raleigh; two nieces, Charla Webster of Charlotte and Marilyn Rose and her husband, Eddie, of Harkers Island; great-niece, Mia Smith and her children, Tabitha and Melissa; and a great-nephew, Eddie Glenn Rose.

—Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

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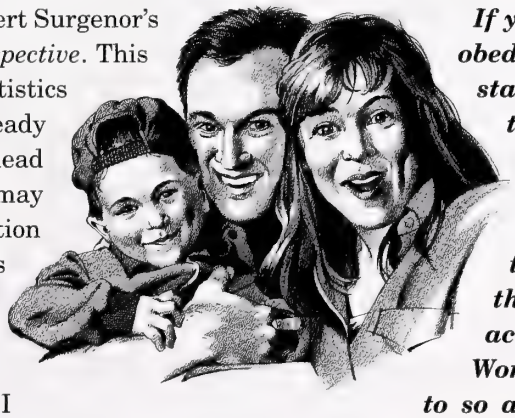
Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Families are under attack, so I wanted to pass on a resource I have found very helpful. Christian Parents. net. Mark Benedict wrote the following article, and I thought you might enjoy it or could pass on to others! Remember, the family that prays together stays together!

When it comes to parenting, I truly believe Christian parents need the help of books and materials produced by men and women of God. The current flood of misinformation and propaganda has been whittling away at the institution of the family with devastating effects. Parents with young children wondering if they should spank their children will be greatly encouraged by Detective Robert Surgenor's book *No Fear: A Police Officer's Perspective*. This book contains carefully gathered statistics which prove what most of you already knew was true. Sparing the rod does lead to spoiled children! You skeptics may want to read the firsthand information he has collected on the problems caused by ineffective parenting.



On the principles and mechanics of training children, I heartily recommend one of the best books I have read on the subject: Richard Fugate's *What the Bible Says About Child Training,* published by Aletheia Publishers, Inc, P.O. Box 3153, Tempe, AZ, 85280. I recommend parents read it for some very practical scriptural instructions on raising children. I wish Sallie and I had read this book years ago, since it would have eliminated much of the trial-and-error learning we experienced with our two children. Even today, I found the book especially helpful, particularly in view of the humanistic teachings now being circulated in the public school systems. Here are just a few passages from this excellent tool for parents:

Parental authority delegates to parents the right to rule the children under their control. No other institution or person has rulership rights over children. Neither society, school personnel, nosy individuals, nor even other institutions have any authority over children. The parents' power over their children is accountable to government only through God's laws concerning incest, injury, and murder. Parents are directly responsible to God for any misuse of their authority. There is no such thing as "child rights" sanctioned by the Word of God. The child has only the God-given right to be raised by his parents without the intervention of any other institution.

Raising a child is not training. Plants and animals are raised. To raise something means to grow it. To raise a child would only consist of feeding, clothing, and protecting him from destruction until he reaches physical maturity. While it is true today that most parents are only "raising" their children, raising does not constitute the training of the soul that God intends.

If you desire for your child to become obedient and willing to accept God's standards as his own, you will have to utilize the process that God has designed to obtain these results. Biblical child training produces a quality character much different than would have developed had the child been left alone to grow up according to his own nature. God's Word commands parents specifically to so alter the nature of their children. (pages 64-65)

As a parent you are always training your child, even if you are not teaching him according to God's standards. Simply because you are in the position of rulership, your child will receive his direction from you – right or wrong. You set the standards for his acceptable conduct either by what you allow (training by default) or by what you intentionally teach (overt negative training).

If a child is rude, inconsiderate, and selfish, he has been trained to be that way. If a child is lazy and sloppy or is disrespectful and a troublemaker, he has been trained that way. Parents do not intentionally train their children to reflect these negative characteristics; yet it is very easy to train a child in these undesirable behavior patterns because they reinforce his natural inclinations.

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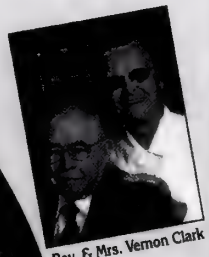
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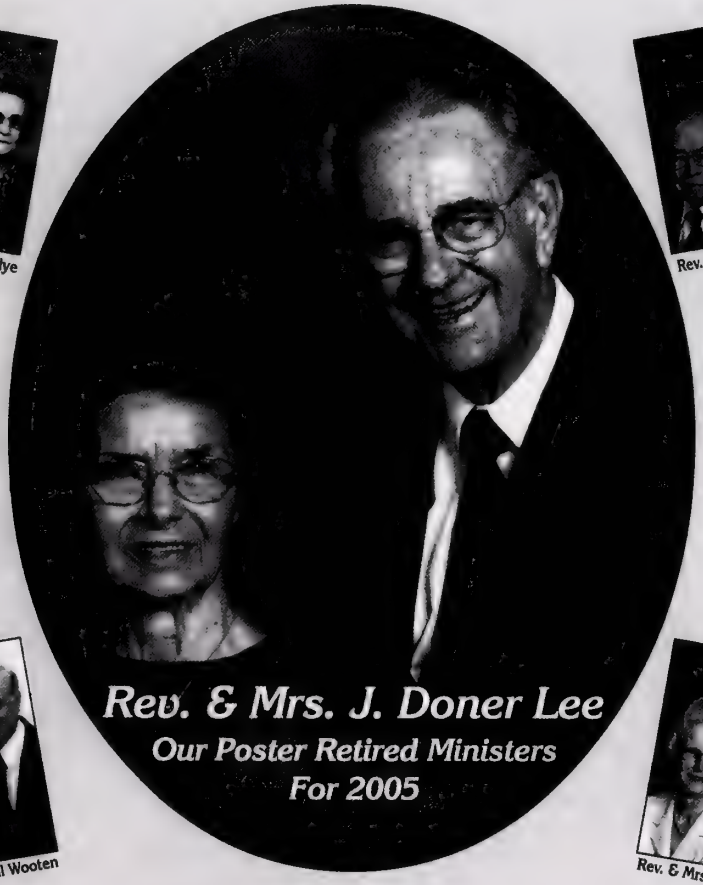

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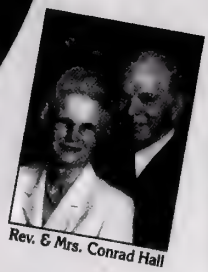
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A Special Offering Will Be Received For The
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Rev. & Mrs. Jettie Parker

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

May: Retired Minister's Month

I have always been greatly blessed by the retired ministers since entering the ministry. In fact, Betty and I both have always had a special place in our hearts and lives for the senior saints. In our early years, we were taught to respect our elders. Grandparents were close by and were important influences in our families. One of the greatest resources available to the church today is the retired ministers and the senior saints.

The North Carolina Conference is blessed with a growing number of these retired warriors. None of us like the term *retired*. A minister never retires! Most of us like the term *superannuated* even less. That term implies being put on a shelf or of no fruitful use any longer. We are praying for a new term. These are saints filled with much wisdom and God. They need to be used.

There are presently 131 ministers in the conference who are retired and/or superannuated. In 1992 there were only 71 in this category. My, how the number is increasing! This number is 30 percent of our total licensed and ordained clergy. This number does not include the nearly 30 widowers and widows of the Conference. About 22 of the retired ministers are still pastoring or leading an active ministry. Most are still able to preach and do so often. About seven are in nursing homes or the equivalent.

The North Carolina Conference loves her retired ministers. This love is shown in many different ways. One is the superannuation retirement program. Presently about $4.3 million is in the retirement fund. Presently, $31,592.60 is paid out each month in retirement benefits; another $4,890.60 is paid out monthly in pensions to surviving spouses, and 127 checks are mailed each month.

The North Carolina Conference is the only conference with an ongoing retirement program. Of the total conference regular income, about 24 percent goes into retirement. Participating ministers contribute 1.5 percent of their net income. (Every minister should participate. This is a most valuable program.) By constitution, only 80 percent of the regular income of the fund can be spent each year. Thus far, this has allowed the retired ministers to get two raises in the last four years. Each year a 13th check has been given for Christmas. Praise the Lord.

May has been designated in the North Carolina Conference as Retired Ministers Month. It is a time to celebrate retired ministers, to make them feel loved, wanted, and needed, in appreciation for the outstanding contributions they have made to the kingdom of God. It is a time to "love on them." Every pastor has received information about how to do just that.

In 2002, the North Carolina Conference Board created a Retired Ministers Department. Reverend Wiley Clark was asked to be the director of this new department. He has several board members working with him – King E. White, assistant director; Blanche S. Pollard, secretary; Elton E. Lancaster, board member; and Ralph W. Jernigan, board member.

Reverend Clark and his team are doing a fantastic job in leading the activities and ministries to the retired ministers. Allow me to mention some of their activities.

During Retired Ministers Month, each church is asked to contribute to a newly created **Retired Ministers' Special Assistance Fund**. This fund provides for the "special needs" of the conference's retired and/or disabled ministers and their spouses. The term "special needs" may be anything needed by a retired minister to help him maintain a reasonable quality of life that is over and beyond his ability to provide for himself. The fund has already been a blessing to many. Individuals and churches may contribute to this fund by mailing their checks, properly designated, to the North Carolina Conference IPHC, PO Box 59, Falcon, NC 28342. Brother Clark and his board supervise the fund.

The **Retired Ministers' Retreat** began in 2002. It is held annually in May at the conference Cafeteria Training Center. This is a delightful three days of fellowship, fun, eating, preaching, training, etc. It is becoming a highlight of the year for the retired ministers and their spouses. There is absolutely no charge for the event.

The **Retired Ministers' Luncheon** is held during camp meeting. This is a time of special fellowship. Any retired minister and/or spouse may attend camp meeting free of charge. Praise the Lord.

Adopt a Retired Minister for Christmas is a new program. It has already proved to be a blessing. The purpose is for each church to adopt a retired minister for Christmas and bless him or her. Several churches have already been very creative in how they blessed the retired minister.

The **Retired Ministers' Christmas Luncheon** is held each December in the conference Cafeteria Training Center. There is a delightful program and delicious meal. That looked-for and appreciated 13th check is distributed at the luncheon.

Brother Clark is presently working on a bulletin jacket that may be used for a retired minister's funeral. It will be patterned after the bronze medallion that is currently presented to a retired minister's family. This medallion is to be placed on the minister's tombstone. It identifies the minister as a member of the International Pentecostal Holiness family.

God has blessed the North Carolina Conference with faithful ministers. Every church and minister is indebted to those who have gone before. They preached, prayed, sacrificed, shouted, cried, and labored to make our conference the great conference she is. These have been and *still are* valuable members of the ministry team.

Betty and I praise the Lord for all those who have blessed our lives. We are who we are because of their support, prayers, and encouragement.

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Reverend William Marvin Watkins
May 20, 1925 – March 6, 2005

Reverend W.M. Watkins, age 79, was called to heaven on Sunday, March 6, 2005, at his home. He was born May 20, 1925, to the late Willie and Jenny Watkins.

The funeral celebration service was held March 9, 2005, at the Chapel of Parrish Funeral Home in Selma, North Carolina. Burial followed in the Selma Memorial Gardens. Officiating at the celebration service were Reverend Marvin Smith, Reverend Jimmy Swinson, Reverend Charles Pittman, and Superintendent D. Chris Thompson. The Manley Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church singers furnished the special music. It was a glorious service.

Reverend Watkins is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mrs. Ella West Lambert Watkins. They are blessed with three children – a son, Reverend Chris Watkins of Mount Olive; two daughters, Reverend Kathy Duszynski of Chapel Hill and Connie Price Sprague of Princeton. They have five grandchildren – Christie, Candice, Trevor, Jacob, and Emily – and two great-grandchildren – Darrion and Devin. Brother Watkins also leaves behind one brother, James Watkins of Smithfield, and one sister, Eunice Watkins of Smithfield.

Reverend Watkins was saved at the Bizzell Grove Church in 1931 at the age of six. At 18, he received his mission worker's license (1943). In 1946, he was licensed with the N.C. Conference, and he was ordained in 1949. He served faithfully in active ministry until being superannuated in 1986. After that, he filled in to preach as often as possible and pastored the Selma Independent Holiness Church for a season.

Brother Watkins received his first pastoral assignment in 1946. He pastored for 42 years in the N.C. Conference. He pastored 21 different churches, several for two terms. His longest pastorates were for seven years each at Tyndall Grove and Vaughan's Chapel. The churches pastored include Jones Grove, Faison, Deavers Chapel, Pink Hill, Graham, Pikes Crossroads, Tyndall Grove, Vaughan's Chapel, Lowland, Hobucken, Shelmerdine, Rehoboth, Saint Pauls, Mount Olive (Goldsboro District), Belhaven, Niagara, Whitley, Beaufort, Clayton, Calypso, and Micro. In addition to pastoring, he had an active radio broadcast for three years and was in tent evangelism for eight years.

Reverend Watkins loved his Lord, wife and children, and his music. He enjoyed playing the banjo, singing, and preaching the gospel. He will be missed, but he is not lost. We know where he is!

–D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent, N.C. Conference

Cullen Pender Gurganus
March 21, 1920 – March 8, 2005

Reverend Cullen Pender Gurganus went to his heavenly home on March 8, 2005. He was born March 21, 1920, in Edgecombe County. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sallie Grimmer and John Robert Gurganus; three sisters, Bonnie, Alice, and Doris; and five brothers, Milton, Robert, Benjamin, Sammy, and Howard. He was an army veteran of World War II. He volunteered for active service.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Gladys Irene Jones Gurganus. They were married September 16, 1939. He is also survived by his two children, Irene Gay Colston and Cullen P. Gurganus II. There are four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Brother Gurganus was saved in July 1946 in Norfolk, Virginia. In 1948 he was granted mission worker's license in Suffolk, Virginia. He was licensed in 1949 in Hopewell, Virginia, and ordained in 1951 by Bishop T.A. Melton in Hopewell.

Reverend Gurganus was a member of the Eastern Virginia (New Redemption Ministries), Southern California, and North Carolina Conferences. He transferred to the N.C. Conference in 1971. He was superannuated in 1988. He served faithfully as pastor of the Broadmoor Church and South Mills Church in Virginia and the National City, Palmdale, and Pomona Churches in California. In the N.C. Conference he served the following churches: Scotland Neck, Ahoskie (Higher Ground), Red Springs, Beaufort, and Liberty (Goldsboro). He also served as an evangelist and ambassador for people of faith throughout his life. In his later years, he served as a faithful member of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church of St. Pauls.

Pastor Gurganus touched many lives through his life and ministry. He exemplified a Christlike manner. He loved children, never was judgmental, always cared for those from every walk of life, and gave himself to his parishioners, his family, and his friends. He will be remembered as a gentle and kind man who will live in the hearts of his family forever.

Homegoing celebration services were held at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in St. Pauls on March 10, 2005. Officiating were Pastor Raymond Faircloth, Sr., and Superintendent D. Chris Thompson. Honorary pallbearers were fellow ministers of the N.C. Conference. Interment was in the Gardens of Faith Cemetery in Lumberton, N.C. Until we meet again, may the Lord hold him in the palm of His hand.

–D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent, N.C. Conference

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Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Changing Church: How God Is Leading His Church Into the Future

C. Peter Wagner. Ventura, California: Regal Books. 196 pages.

Wagner has never been one to deliberately avoid controversial subjects, especially when he felt strongly about the issues and believed them to be true according to the Holy Scriptures. This book is no different. Controversial and provocative as it may be, the Second Apostolic Age is sure to cause Christians to read their Bible more closely and examine the Scriptures so as to clarify their doctrinal and even denominational positions. Is it a book of confusion, or is it a revolutionary book designed to cause global Christians to align themselves to a more focused Kingdom purpose? Will theologians, under the spell of the spirit of religion desiring to preserve the old wineskin, circle the wagons and engage in theological war, leaving many casualties and a weakened Church in the wake, or will there be meaningful dialogue designed to strengthen the resolve and ministries of the Body of Christ? Surely, the hour is late, and whatever happens, the missional purpose of the Church, as commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ, has not altered one iota.

This reviewer has strong beliefs about many of the issues brought to bear in this publication, as will many of my colleagues in ministry also. One paramount question that most stands out is, "What is the truth?" No doubt much of what Wagner discusses is sound and reasonable because of the principles that seem able to bear and endure the scrutiny of apologists. Are there contemporary apostles exercising apostolic functions, launching a second apostolic movement that will qualify the ministries of the postmodern Church as legitimate, forthright, and sanctioned by the Head Himself? Is this Second Apostolic Age new wine making history before our very eyes, worth the risk of criticism and even ostracism from some Church leaders and denominations whom Wagner claims are controlled by the spirit of religion, or is it arsenic satanically designed to impede, suffocate, and finally bring about a horrific demise to the effectiveness of the global Church as we have known it in the past? What is the Holy Spirit saying to the Church now? What direction is the wind of the Holy Spirit blowing? No doubt Wagner strongly contends that God is moving the Church towards a Second Apostolic Age.

Based on the Romans 12:1-2 passage, the author calls for a new way of thinking by sincere and zealous believers who would dare join this most recent new wine movement taking shape around the world. The author seems to be strongly advocating the Second Apostolic Age, while at the same time attempting to tear down the walls of the spirit of religion. He admits his purpose for writing the book is to change minds, but to what extent, and at what expense?

In concluding the reading and review of the book, I have more serious questions than I do answers. I remain deeply troubled about some of what I have read. Wagner, for instance, postulates the tenets of open theism, which is most disturbing. If open theism is philosophically sound, then God as revealed in the Holy Scriptures is not God. The kind of God Greg Boyd, Clark Pinnock, John Sanders, and other Neotheists present is no real God at all. The Neotheist God is to be pitied. The spirit of religion may control some denominations. None is perfect. But being a part of a denomination does more to protect than it does to harm. All denominations are man-made, as there will be no denominations in heaven, but I for one am unspeakably happy to be a part of a movement that God has led, blessed, anointed, protected, and used in mighty ways through the years.

Unspeakable: Facing Up to Evil in an Age of Genocide and Terror

Os Guinness. San Francisco: Harper and Collins Publishers. 242 pages.

Do we really understand evil and its effects in our traumatized world today? Are we responding to evil effectively in the post-Auschwitz and post-September 11, 2001, world in which we live? How are we to understand the pain and suffering of humanity? Guinness tackles the age-old problem of evil and a good God in light of the criticisms that extremist religion is at the heart of the global problem of evil. He frames his study by exploring a number of questions: (1) Where does evil come from? (2) What are the questions raised by evil that we cannot ignore? (3) Has the modern world made evil worse? (4) How do the different ways of explaining evil affect how we respond to it? (5) What must we do to fight evil effectively? and (6) What does the existence of evil tell us about our ultimate beliefs?

The fact that we are constantly exposed to human suffering and evil is a daily and global reality thanks to CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, the World Wide Web, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Time*, and the daily newspaper. Such proximity to world events is a new feature of our postmodern world. We see people starving, fighting, killing, bombing, drowning, aborting babies, and committing genocide. The format of Cable News provides the reminder directly into our homes every 30 minutes or so. We are constantly faced with the beleaguered Jews and Arabs in the Holy Land. There is even talk of what to do with the aging Baby Boomers, and the concept of their becoming such a financial burden to the state. Government

may not want the overwhelming responsibility of caring for an aging society. What are the possibilities?

Surely, the value of human life in light of worldwide terrorism and suicide bombers has been cheapened even more. How precious is a human life? What would the family of Terri Schiavo and the moms and dads of our American soldiers who have died on foreign soil say? Terrorists work tirelessly night and day planning to kill the most people they can with the most effective high-tech weapons they can find.

Guinness writes, "We have lived through the five most murderous decades in history, yet our moral categories and responsibility are pathetically inadequate for facing up to this fact – let alone a future, in Churchill's words, 'made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science.' The point is not that the modern people are more evil than those in previous generations, but that modern destructiveness is infinitely greater because of the mismatch between the weakness of morality and the power of modernity." In some segments of society, evil is cool.

There is a profound protest about the way things are, but it seems the more insurgents we kill or capture, the more there are to replace the ones caught or killed. Stamping out all the false religions of the world would be an impossible task, at least for now. Where does the blame lie? Will there ever be an end to the suffering and the problem of evil? If God is so good and so powerful, why doesn't He stop the suffering, war, tyranny, crime, and injustice in the world? This leaves us with a dilemma. Either God wills to remove the evil and is not able, or He does not will to remove the evil as yet.

On a personal note, how can we achieve victory and possess soundness of mind in the midst of all this pain, suffering, and evil? To this end, Guinness presents a book dealing with these issues and provides the reader, through personal stories and historical insight, with an adequate understanding and a "brilliant map to help us navigate and confront the difficult landscape of modern life, and modern evil." It is a book of hope and inspiration.

Christians can still sing, "We shall overcome." The Lord Jesus said, "Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." "The God whom Jesus shows on the Cross is one who defeats evil by taking it to himself, letting it do its worst to him, and then overcoming it. No wonder the crucifixion of Jesus is the supreme pattern of innocent suffering in history." Jesus is the God who suffers with us. Jesus is the compassionate God who will rectify every wrong and bring eternal justice to this round, revolving yet revolting world of ours. Happy Reading!

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Rosa Vernise Edwards
October 25, 1933 – March 24, 2005

Mrs. Vernise Edwards died on March 24, 2005. Her celebration service to heaven was held March 26, 2005, at the Coley Funeral Home Chapel, Kenly, North Carolina. Her pastor Reverend Mike Capps and Reverend Jimmy Williams ministered at her funeral. Burial was in the Moore's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery.

Sister Edwards was married to the late Reverend Garland Edwards. (He went to heaven on January 25, 2005.) Together they served in the ministry for 32 years. They pastored four churches – Vick's Chapel, Micro, Selma, and Clayton (two times). Brother Edwards served a total of 12 years in the pastorate. The Edwards were superannuated in 1991.

Here was a fine Christian lady. She served faithfully in the church and beside her minister husband. All who knew her loved her. She was quiet and unassuming, but walked powerfully with the Lord.

Mrs. Edwards is survived by her two sons, Bruce and Joe. She has one living sister, Louise Renfrow, and three brothers, Clifton Johnson, Leon Johnson, and Billy Johnson. She leaves five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

May the Lord bless her rich ministry to our lives and hearts.

–D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent, N.C. Conference

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY / JUNE

Rev. Ralph Leggett	May 17
Rev. Lee Toler	May 19
Rev. R.N. Hood	May 19
Rev. Elsie Arthur	May 19
Rev. McElree Purifoy	May 28
Rev. Royce Beacham	May 29
Rev. Horace Beacham	May 29
Rev. Horace Warwick	June 1
Rev. L.B. Collins	June 4
Rev. John Parker	June 5
Rev. John Slye	June 9
Rev. Haywood Price	June 11
Rev. Lester Jarrett	June 18
Rev. Ted Johnson	June 25
Rev. David Butts	June 27
Rev. Lalleon Narron	June 29

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"My dear brothers, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." (James 1:19)

Dear Women of God,

A few days ago, I received a telephone call from my daughter, Andrea. The first thing she said was, "Mom, I need to tell you something, and I need your attention." Now, underlying that statement was the fact that when she and I are talking, she can tell when she doesn't have my undivided attention. I'm usually doing two or three other things when she's trying to talk to me. But this time was different, and she really needed to talk to her mom.

Later in the evening I thought about our conversation, and the Lord dropped a nugget in my spirit. He wants to talk to each of us, and He wants us to listen to His voice, but we are so busy, we don't always hear what He has to say.

There are times when the Lord has intentionally sent someone our way who has needed a compassionate ear, a soft word, or just a shoulder to lean on, and we have missed an opportunity to minister because we were in too big a hurry to *stop, look, and listen.*

As we continue this journey of fulfilling God's plan for our lives, we become intensely aware of His love (heart) for the world. God is the one who initiates a relationship with us, completely accepting us as we are. He offers us forgiveness, a calm spirit, kindness, and tenderness, and He wants us to be an extension of His love by sharing with others this wonderful, precious gift.

So stop what you're doing and listen – there might be someone knocking on your door!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

"All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my mother." —Abraham Lincoln

REACH OUT

Senior Adult Outreach

Minister to retirement-age women in your community or church by providing a nutritious luncheon and informative lecture by a health professional. Add to the fun by providing door prizes such as tickets to a concert and lunches awarded in pairs so that they can invite a new friend. Tuck health-care and first-aid items into flower centerpieces and give them away too!

Women's Ministries Day
Shiloh P.H. Church, Wilson, N.C.

On February 6, 2005, our Women's Ministries Day speaker was Lt. Gen. William G. Boykin, Undersecretary of Defense. He gave a moving testimony and a challenge to all the people of our church. We had a homecoming-style meal afterwards and had a great time of fellowship.

On February 20, 2005, our ladies honored the men of our church with a surprise "Strong Arm Award." Our men are a vital part of helping with so many functions for our Women's Ministries, and this surprise was much deserved.

The men's children and families were invited to the awards night, and they wrote something special about their loved ones. We also honored four men who do not regularly attend our church, but who always give a little extra when we need some help.

We bought a hammer for each man, painted it gold, and wrote "Strong Arm Award" on one side and his name on the other. It was a great night and a true surprise for our men.

Submitted by
Teresa Woodard
Shiloh W.M. Director

NCWM 2005 Leadership Seminar
"Fully Alive"
Where are You?

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"Partners in Ministry"

A Man Never Stood So Tall as When He Stooped to Help a Boy

How willing are we to help our young boys? This is just one of many questions our men are facing today, but it's one that should be put on our priority list. Let me share a few statistics with you:

- 4 out of 10 boys will go to bed tonight without a biological father in the house.
- 93% of all people in jail today are men.
- 85% have no father figure.
- There are 108 million men in America age 15 or older.
- 66 million make no profession of faith.

The list goes on and on. The bottom line is, there is work to be done by men of God. Romans 8:28 says this: *"We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."*

God has called us to step up to the plate and take the pitch. There is so much to do to help these young boys of today. The world is consuming them, and we must move in and share God with them before it is too late. It just so happens that we have something to offer them.

It is a program called **Royal Rangers**, designed *to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ*. **There's only one problem: there are not enough men involved to take care of the number of boys we have.**

We are very fortunate that we have men in place on the conference level and the local level that have stepped up and they are making a difference, but they cannot do it alone. They need your help!

God has called *you* to do His purpose. Young boys in your area need *you* today.

Together we can make a difference! Pastors, gather your men together today and challenge them to answer the call God has on their lives. If you would be interested in becoming a part of this dynamic ministry, call André Davenport at 919-250-4056, or write to André at 5341 Sandy Trail Drive, Knightdale, NC 27545, and he will get you all the information you need.

This ministry can change lives. I know, because God has used it to make a difference in my family and me. Don't let our boys be lost to the world because you failed to do your duty as a man of God. Get involved in the lives of boys today and make that difference!

Thank you,
Ronnie Basden

Date to remember:

Men's Advance: September 10 and 11.
Plan now to attend.

World Intercession Network

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Six Steps in Being a Woman Who Imitates God

1. **Be a God Seeker** – *"O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee"* (Psalm 63:1). This can happen only when you make a conscious effort to place your time with God first, instead of chores, circumstances, or job. As you seek God's word, pray, and praise, you will find strength, peace, and courage to face your day with a God mentality.
2. **Be a Virtuous Woman** – *"Her children call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her"* (Proverbs 31:28). This does not mean perfection, for only God is perfect. This means to be a woman who loves, works, studies (in order to have wisdom), is concerned for the well-being of others, is trustworthy, does good, shows courage, and trusts God. "The goal in marriage is not to be alike, but to think together." —Robert C. Dodds
3. **Be Teachable** – *"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God"* (Ephesians 5:21). "Submission" is humble obedience to another's will. As we submit to God's word and will, it becomes easy to submit ourselves one to another. Learn from your husband and others whom God has placed by your side.
4. **Be Hospitable** – *"Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward"* (Mark 9:41). Also read Heb. 3:2; 1 Peter 4:9-10. Your home should be a place where others feel welcomed and loved. Most of all, may your home always be opened to God. May He always live there.
5. **Be an Example** – at home, at work, at church and in the community: *"....in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith and purity...for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you"* (1 Timothy 4:12, 16). Jesus taught by example, and so must you. A life of holiness is a must to be a true imitator of God.
6. **Be Successful** – *"In the house of the righteous is much treasure"* (Proverbs 15:6). "Jesus said that true success is to attain to eternal life; all else is failure" (Toyohiko Kagawa). *"The Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in fruit of thy body and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy father"* (Deuteronomy 30:9). God has called you to be successful in whatever you do, as long as He has first place in your life.

2005 North Carolina Designated Days of Prayer WIN Calendar

May 2	–	National Day of Prayer
May-June	–	Festivals of Praise (one day of the month just to worship and praise God)
May 21	–	Annual Conference (prayer times during conference)
August 7-14	–	Camp Meeting (A.M. Prayer at Octagon Tab. and P.M. Prayer at Training Center)
September 21	–	See You at the Pole
November 4-5	–	WIN Conference Time of Prayer Friday Night Nov. 4 – 7:30 P.M. World Intercession Network Conference Falcon, NC, Nov. 5 – 8:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M. – Speaker Rev. Michael Fletcher

Dates are still open for local church bodies to come and pray at the Octagon Tabernacle, May through December. Please be a part of the prayer movement at the North Carolina Conference.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

La Salud Espiritual del Pastor, Parte II

Hola mis amados consiervos en la Obra del Señor.

Espero que en estos primeros meses del año haya recogido los frutos que esperaba de su labor y si no lo ha logrado, no hay razón para desanimarse. Debemos examinar lo que hacemos con los resultados obtenidos, hacer las correcciones y fortalecernos en el Señor para seguir avanzando, porque como le dijo el angel a Elías "...levántate y come, porque largo camino te resta" (1 Reyes 19:7).

Nuestras deben ser las palabras del Apostol Pablo: "...olvidando ciertamente lo que queda atrás, y extendiéndome a lo que está delante..." (Filipenses 3:13). Pero como podemos extendernos hacia lo que está delante, cuando quizás estamos en medio de un desgaste personal como ministros. En la revista pasada de *Evangel*, hablamos de algunos síntomas espirituales que nos pueden avisar de que no todo está bien en nuestra vida como ministros; y que cuando identificamos esos síntomas debemos estar alerta y con la gracia de Dios hacer los cambios necesarios. En la labor que usted desempeña como pastor existen ciertos elementos que contribuyen al desgaste; también es importante identificarlos y así lograremos resistir su efecto. Si no los tratamos como corresponde, estos acabarán apagando la *pasion*, la cual debe ser el motor de todo ministerio. Algunos de esos elementos son:

1. *Falso concepto de la obra*. Usted no trabaja solo para Dios, sino con Dios. Cuando usted se ve como empleado, todo el peso del ministerio recae sobre su vida.
2. *Llaneros solitarios*. No trabaje solo; una de sus prioridades es formar un equipo ministerial. Dios desea que usted trabaje al lado de otros.
3. *Excesiva competitividad*. No ponga los ojos sobre aquellos que están a su alrededor, para ver quien tiene la congregación más importante o el ministerio más impactante. Si vas a competir, hazlo con usted mismo.
4. *Falsa definicion del éxito*. No son la cantidad de personas que lo siguen a usted lo que lo marca como un pastor exitoso, sino la fidelidad que usted demuestra hacia el Señor.
5. *Utilice sus dones*. Produce mucho desgaste el estar haciendo tareas para las cuales Dios no le ha capacitado. Concéntrese en lo que sabe hacer bien.
6. *Excesivo contacto con los problemas de los demás*. Dios le llamó a depositar sus cargas en Cristo, lo cual debe ser una actividad diaria.
7. *Estado físico pobre*. Aunque usted no lo crea, la falta de ejercicio, la falta de buenos hábitos alimenticios y el no descansar bien contribuyen significativamente a su deterioro espiritual.
8. *Demasiada rutina*. La rutina adormece el alma. Atrévase a romper periódicamente con sus hábitos.

La Madre Teresa de Calcuta dijo lo siguiente: "No es cuanto hacemos, sino cuanto amor ponemos en hacerlo. No es cuanto damos, sino cuanto amor ponemos en darlo." Busquemos al Señor para que el fuego de la pasión y el compromiso se vuelva a encender si se está apagando y que obtenga más intensidad si está todavía encendido. Es importante que como pastores podamos programar momentos en el mes y el año para estar a solas con el Señor durante al menos un día. Estos tiempos son de enorme valor porque nos permiten volver a recuperar la perspectiva correcta del ministerio y ordenar nuestras prioridades conforme con los propósitos de Dios. Continue persiguiendo los frutos de su labor ministerial, Dios le dará en abundancia, de El es el crecimiento.

Recordatorios Importantes

- ❑ La Conferencia Distrital Hispana ha sido trasladada para los días miércoles 11 y miércoles 18 de mayo. El lugar, programa y horario se les hará llegar.
- ❑ La Conferencia Anual será el sábado 21 de mayo en Falcon.
- ❑ El próximo entrenamiento Hispano será el viernes 27 y sábado 28 de mayo con el Conferencista Tony Lara y otros maestros. El tema será "Como trabajar con el ministerio a los Niños." También habrá clases acerca de cómo preparar la lección de Escuela Dominical y otros acerca de la enseñanza.

Iglesias Que Estan de Aniversario

Por lo menos nos hemos dado cuenta de las siguientes iglesias que en estos meses están de Aniversario y estan haciendo grandes eventos de celebración, ellas son:

- La iglesia El Tabernáculo en Dunn y su pastor Fernando Angulo, cumplen 7 años.

- La iglesia Esperanza en Clayton y su pastor Francisco Suero, cumplen 4 años.
- La iglesia Betel en St. Paul y su pastor Alfredo Vargas, cumplen 2 años.
- La iglesia El Calvario en Tar Heel y su pastor Francisco Concepcion, cumplen 3 años.

Felicitamos a ellos por la victoria que Dios les ha dado y muy especialmente a sus pastores y esposas por el gran trabajo que han hecho. Que Dios les siga bendiciendo en gran manera y usando poderosamente.

The Spiritual Health of the Pastor, Part II

Hello, my beloved coservants in the Lord's Work.

I hope in these first months of the year you are picking the fruits that you expected from your work, but if you have not achieved it, there is no reason to be discouraged. We should examine what we are doing with the obtained results, make corrections, and strengthen ourselves in the Lord in order to continue advancing, because as the angel said to Elijah, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you" (1 Kings 19:7).

The words of the Apostle Paul should be ours too: "...forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead..." (Philippians 3:13). But how could we extend toward what is ahead, when maybe we are in the middle of the battle of boredom and wearing down in our personal ministry? In the past issue of *Evangel*, we talked of some spiritual symptoms that could warn us that everything is not all right in our lives as ministers; and when we identify those symptoms, we should be alert and, with the grace of God, make the necessary changes. In the work you do as a pastor exist certain elements that contribute to the "wearing down" action; it is important both to identify them and be able to resist their effects. If we do not deal with these appropriately, they will turn off our *passion*, which should be the motor of all ministry. Some of those elements are as follows:

1. *False concept of the work*. You don't work only *for* God, but also *with* God. When you are like an employee, the whole weight of the ministry falls on your life.
2. *Lonely ministry*. Don't work alone; one of your priorities is to form a ministerial team. God wants you to work beside others.
3. *Excessive competitiveness*. Don't keep your eyes on those around you in order to see who has the most important congregation or who has the most impactive ministry. If you are going to compete, compete with yourself.
4. *False definition of success*. It is not the number of people who follow you that marks you as a successful pastor, but the fidelity you demonstrate toward the Lord.
5. *Use your gifts.* Trying to do tasks for which God has not qualified you will wear you down. Concentrate on what you know how to do well.
6. *Excessive contact with the problems of others*. God called you to place your burdens on Christ, which should be a daily activity.
7. *Poor physical condition*. Although you don't believe it, lack of exercise, lack of good nutritional habits, and lack of rest contribute significantly to your poor spiritual condition.
8. *Too much routine*. Routine makes the soul sleepy. Dare to break with your habits periodically.

Mother Teresa said the following: "It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving." We must seek the Lord so that the fire of passion and commitment relights if our fire is burning out, and so that we rekindle a more intense flame. It is important that we as pastors schedule moments in the month and the year in order to be alone with the Lord during at least one day. These times are of enormous value because they allow us to recover the correct perspective on the ministry again and order our priorities to satisfy the purposes of God. Continue pursuing the fruits of your labor; God will give you in abundance, because the increase is from Him.

Important Reminders

- ❑ The Hispanic District Conference has been changed to Wednesday, May 11 and Wednesday, May 18. You will be informed of the place, program, and schedule.
- ❑ The Annual Conference will be on Saturday, May 21 in Falcon.
- ❑ The next Hispanic training will be on Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28, with speaker Tony Lara and other teachers. The topic will be "Working with children and Sunday school." Also there will be classes about how to prepare Sunday school lessons and about teaching.

Churches That Have Anniversaries

The following churches have their Anniversary Celebrations and are planning great events of celebration:

- Tabernacle Church in Dunn and their pastor Fernando Angulo, celebrating 7 years.
- Hope Church in Clayton and their pastor Francisco Suero, celebrating 4 years.
- Bethel Church in St. Paul and their pastor Alfredo Vargas, celebrating 2 years.
- Calvary Church in Tar Heel and their pastor Francisco Concepción, celebrating 3 years.

We congratulate all of them for the victory God has given them, and especially their pastors and wives for the great work they have done. We pray that God will continue blessing them in a great way and using them mightily.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism

As I write this article, I am truly excited as I receive reports about what God is doing across the North Carolina Conference.

When you read this report, we will have had our first "Model Church Strategy" meeting at Whitley Church. The number of churches participating is growing, and the excitement is building; we have both new churches that were not in the 2003 series and churches back for the second round. Dr. Weston is, as always. on target, informative, and straightforward. "Doc O" is indeed a blessing to the IPHC. If you didn't get in on the first meeting, you still have time to get on board and catch up with the tapes of the first meeting.

Again, I emphasize that it is vital that we plant and mother churches; however, it is also vitally important that we strengthen our 203 existing churches.

I also challenge you again, Pastor, to listen to the Holy Spirit as He speaks to you concerning the message Dr. Ron Carpenter, Sr., shared with us in the Evangelism Rallies.

My prayer is continually – and I pray that you will not tire of my emphasizing this – that the Holy Spirit will do a mighty work of conviction in the hearts of the pastors of this conference to challenge them to commit and "pull the trigger" to mother a church out of their own congregation, or plant a church. The opportunities to plant/mother churches are many throughout Eastern North Carolina. We have identified about 70 areas in this conference where we need Anglo/Hispanic churches. The challenge to "Plant Three" is still a focus for the IPHC. Plant a church like yourself; plant a church cross-culturally; and plant a church trans-nationally. Join others and me in praying that God will raise up church planters within the churches of the North Carolina Conference. I challenge pastors to be looking for men and women with whom God is dealing to plant a church and to look for laypeople who have the burden for planting churches. If we look at Acts 11 and 13 (Antioch Model), it is clear that the laity were heavily involved in planting churches. Superintendent Thompson, Bro. Brian Perry (Mount Carmel), and I will be traveling to Houston on April 28 to attend the African-American Conference, and we hope to make some good contacts and receive vital information that will enable us better to serve and reach out to the African-American population in our conference.

Missions

God is truly blessing through *you*, the churches of the conference, in regards to Missions giving.

Through February, because of your concern for and support of missions, we are 11+ percent ahead of 2004 at the same time. We are now in full swing with our annual Global Outreach Emphasis. When you read this article, you will have 10 to 11 weeks to reach *your* local goal for Global Outreach.

What really excites me is that our conference goal is $295,000; and when I met with each one of our twelve district units and set their district goals, they totaled over $308,000. Wow! What a possibility! Thank you in advance, Churches and Pastors, for what you're going to achieve.

I am including a picture of the Albritton church, with Pastor Roger Jones, that I took on April 3. I was there to present Bro. Jones with a Bible for leading

Albritton to a 1000 percent increase in their 2004 ($1200) offering over 2003 ($120). They had the largest percentage increase in the conference. I visited them in March 2003 and challenged them to $500; the rest is history. Thank you, Albritton. I challenged them to $1500 in 2005. They'll do it; I'm sure.

I challenge every church to a 10% increase, and if you didn't participate in 2004, set a goal for yourself and challenge your people. Give *them* the opportunity to be a part.

As stated in the April article, we now have a great group of 19 missionaries in the North Carolina Conference. In the March World Missions Board meeting, I was privileged to be a part of approving two new missionary couples, both from the N.C. Conference. I am including their pictures, and along with that, I am urging our pastors and churches to come on board and be a part of advancing the kingdom through the ministry of these new couples.

Daniel and Rocio Pitti

The Albritton congregation with Pastor Roger Jones

The Pittis (Daniel and Rocio) are members of Northwood Temple in Fayetteville. They have three children – Daniel Jr., Daniel R., and David. They have been at Northwood for a number of years and have been actively involved in many areas of ministry. They have also have taken numerous missions trips with the church. Both are excellent in ministry and are used powerfully by God on these trips. God has placed the call of missionary on their lives, and they will be going to Latin America. Both are fluent in English and Spanish. (910-822-2140)

The Bizzells (Ricky and Martha) are pictured with their children, Ben, Rikki, Sarah, and Tim. They are members of Thompson Chapel Church in Wilson. They have been PH for a number of years. God has dealt with them for several years concerning this call, and they have now responded and have been approved. They are fully involved in ministry in the local church; however, the missionary call is heavy, and they will be going to Costa Rica. (252-237-8438)

I believe that these two newest missionary families will add greatly to the kingdom of God and will represent the N.C. Conference well.

Pastors, I urge you to contact them to come to your church and share their vision with your people. I opened this article with excitement at what God is doing, and the excitement has only grown as I conclude. Thank you for investing in eternity!

Ricky and Martha Bizzell with their children

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Why Go Any Further?

by Rev. Terry Whittenton

Have you found yourself wondering, *Why should I do any more than I'm doing? Is it worth personal time to research and resource, for giving my children more?* My initial answer is, yes! However, due to the overwhelming demands on our time, trying to find resource material often goes to the back of the burner.

For us to raise "spiritual giants" in this day, we must put our hands on good information to become relevant to the needs of our children and the society in which they live. Along with resource information, there will be some brief comments to encourage you why these items can help.

Resource One: *Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions*

A must-have book for any children's worker, written by George Barna, published by Regal Books. Your eyes will be opened to the need of effective children's ministry. The book covers such topics as "The State of American Children," "The Spiritual Health of Our Children," "Why Kids Matter," and "Better Performance Through Evaluation."

A powerful statement made by George Barna: "Somehow the wisdom and necessity of seeing children as the primary focus of ministry never occurred to me.... Like most adults, I have been aware of children, fond of them, and willing to invest some resources in them; but I have not really been fully devoted to their development. In my mind, they were people *en route to significance* – i.e., adulthood – but were not yet deserving of the choice resources."

Resource Two: Curriculum

We can no longer assume anything, especially that we are well versed enough in Scripture to give children good, foundational, systematic study of God's Word. Here are a couple of ideas in choosing curriculum: **One**, choose curriculum that is relevant to today's needs. There are a lot of publishers putting out material. Remember, many of them want to sell product. **Two**, recognize there is not a lot of full-gospel (Pentecostal-based) material available. If you choose a non-Pentecostal based curriculum, make sure you are versed well in our belief to detect the differences. Curriculum Resources are listed below:

Charisma Life: They publish some of the best children's church curriculum on the market. This can be adapted to churches of any size. The material is full of good object lessons, music, overheads, DVDs, Scripture memory verses, and dynamic Bible lessons. These products can be purchased through LifeSprings Resources or directly from Charisma. Often they will send sample lessons for you to examine.

Kids on the Move: To locate their material, go to www.kidsonthemove.com. This material is also from a Pentecostal approach. The design is easy to use and outlined for efficient use. Point of interest – this material has transparencies along with the music. It also comes with Zion 7. This is a video of news articles that correspond with the lesson. The approach of Zion 7 is like a newsroom with the reporters dressed in biblical attire. I have used this material also. Personally, I think the puppets that are available are not worth the money. You can buy a better-made and nicer puppet from Kingdom-Karactors.

Kay Arthur: Not as familiar with this material. Have looked at it. Kay Arthur is a renowned Bible

Study author. This material comes in a 3-ring binder and is formatted for effective presentation. One of our churches uses this material and seems to enjoy it thoroughly.

Metro Ministries (Bill Wilson): Bill Wilson is the founder of Metro Ministries in New York. Bill's children's church curriculum has been tried and proved. CharismaLife sells the material. This curriculum follows very distinctly to the Charisma Children's Church. Also, it is adaptable for children's church and sidewalk Sunday school.

Bible Ride: A wonderful Bible study program written by our very own Dr. Gary Moon. This Bible study talks about a family on a ride through the Word. Available from LifeSprings Resources, this material gives great insight into customs and backgrounds. The teacher guide or parent guide has wonderful information to help you to better understand the times and customs.

Resource Three: Music

It is important for children's church to model what is taking place in the adult sanctuary. Presently, a lot of our churches have gotten involved with using a video projection system. (Personally, I think if you buy one for the sanctuary, one should be purchased for the children's church.) The problem with going this route is lack of funds. The answer has arrived. Through the use of a DVD player and a television, you can have music with words.

Integrity Music: Integrity music has produced DVDs that incorporate full album mix plus stereo performace tracks and split tracks. The music is child-friendly and very up-to-date.

a. *Shout Praises! Kids* the ultimate praise party
b. *Shout Praises! Kids Gospel* the ultimate praise party.

These DVDs incorporate music such as "In the Sanctuary," "You Are Good," "Open the Eyes of My Heart," "Trading My Sorrows," and many more.

Real Worship4Kids: This DVD is available through Terry Whittenton and is another interactive worship DVD for you to enjoy. It includes album tracks, soundtracks, 10 bonus media tracks, high-energy service openers, game and media tracks.

CharismaLife: You can purchase music on DVDs and CDs of their children's church music. Also a great tool and music your children will enjoy. High quality and very effective in helping to lead children into the presence of God.

Brentwood Music: This company produces music for all ages. I have been exposed to their music, and it is great. You can purchase it directly or check local bookstores.

Point: If you find music, videos, DVDs, curriculum, copy down the title, publisher and give LifeSprings a call. They are very good in trying to help you in these areas. However, the Kids On the Move material is purchased directly from KOTM.

Take the time to do your homework. The Bible is clear in teaching us the importance of training others. For it to happen successfully, we must use the resources available. If I can be of assistance, please contact me: Terry Whittenton at whit@nceye.net, or 910-892-8971. Don't forget to visit www.nccem.net.

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"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.
Luke 15:20 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

A Commitment to Church Revitalization

Betty and I were pastoring and enjoying it in 1986 at the Evangelistic Temple Church. The Lord was blessing. Great progress was being made. However, the Lord had other plans for us. A door opened for us to move to Falcon as conference Evangelism director. We accepted the challenge, knowing it was God's will.

In the summer of 1986 the conference had 156 churches. The number of church members was 17,537. Some 65 percent of the churches had less than a 1 percent growth rate. The conference in 1986 adopted an aggressive and lengthy Evangelism report. We all went to work!

Now there are 201 churches in the conference. The membership was 27,222 at the end of 2004. Only 47 percent of the churches had a growth rate of less than 1 percent for 2004. This represents 93 churches with 8,290 members. Actually, this is only 30 percent of the conference members. Seventy percent of the conference church members are in a growth environment. Praise the Lord! (The non-growth rate was actually somewhat better in 2003 – only 45 percent of the churches.) The average number of members per church in 1986 was 109. In 2004, it was 137. This is a fantastic increase, especially in the light of more attention to rolls in the last decade. The Lord is at work.

The conference leadership is committed to planting new churches. Four new churches have been organized this year. Praise the Lord! However, the leadership is also committed to help and revitalize our existing churches. Several new programs have been introduced. One is being introduced this year – a new mentoring program for pastors.

Several programs are already at work to assist the pastors and churches to be more effective in fulfilling the Great Commission. We are not just after numbers. We are trying to obey the Lord's command to reach people, to save the lost, and to mature His church. People are numbers!

Brother Danny Nelson is off to a second great year in the Model Church Plan. The churches that are participating are being benefited greatly. He is also offering a Mother Church Plan, which deals with church planting. Just this week, Brother Nelson has been working with Dr. Owen Weston to offer to help certain pastors break through the 1,000 barrier. Many other workshops and resources are available through the Evangelism Department.

Brother Charles Boyd in Church Education Ministries has offered several conventions and programs to assist the churches in their missions. Sunday school events have been made available. Stan Toler was brought in to teach "The Vibrant Church." Next year, Evangelism and Church Education Ministries will combine to offer a Stan Toler/Elmer Towns event.

Reverend Luis Avila is working diligently with the Hispanic churches and pastors. He is offering regular training on four weekends a year. The INE is offered four times a year. This is a more formal and specialized training.

In addition to these departmental emphases, the superintendent is going to each district twice a year (12 Anglo districts and 2 Hispanic). In these MPM (Mission, Prayer, and Ministry) meetings, he is endeavoring to strengthen the ministers and pastors themselves. Such development will result in better leaders and directly more effective churches. The School of Ministry is having a major influence in developing the quality of ministers and ministerial candidates. The Southwestern Christian University Graduate School has proved to be a major blessing to our clergy and churches.

In 2004 the conference began a series of new programs to effect "A Journey Toward Health and Renewal." The timeline is as follows:

2004 – Beginning of Consulting Teams
2005 – Mentor Training and Consultant Continuation
2006 – Coaching and Model Churches

Consulting teams were trained in 2004 by Reverend Conrad Lowe. These teams began their work. They have several churches scheduled for 2005. Reverend W.M. (Bill) Wooten and Frank Gentry lead the two consulting teams. Brother Danny Nelson is supervising this fantastic program. He is scheduling the teams.

The process is very simple. The church leadership does some preliminary research for the team. On Friday night, the team does an assessment of the church. On Saturday morning, training sessions are held. Saturday afternoon is for goal-setting and planning. A special commissioning service is held on Sunday morning. The invitation is given for the entire church to attend any or all the sessions. Special emphasis is for all local leaders to attend.

The consulting teams are off and running. Bill Wooten and Frank Gentry are doing an excellent job with the program.

New Pastor Mentoring Program

On Monday, April 11, 2005, in the Cafeteria Training Center, Conrad Lowe trained some 29 individuals to be pastoral mentors. Some 20 North Carolina Conference pastors hope to be mentors, beginning their groups in June 2005. These are Maurice Phelps, Roger Leggett, Ferrell Hardison, Dallas Gurganus, Allen Mayo, Danny Harris, David Wheeler, Richard Robinson, Ray Faircloth, Sr., Jon Oliver, David Woods, Dwight Dunning, John Howard, Wiley Hughes, Doug Bartlett, Jim Whitfield, Lydia Figueroa, Bobby Williams, Bill Rose, and Oris Hubbard.

The process is simple but powerful. Each mentor will meet monthly with four to five participants. The purpose is fellowship, prayer, ministry, support, accountability, training, and encouragement. The groups will meet until all members are effective in the work of the Lord. Presently the superintendent, mentors, and participants are working to form the groups. The groups hope to begin in June 2005.

The mentor groups will be a direct benefit to our churches. However, that is not the only purpose. The primary purpose is to develop the men and women of God. We are family, and families work to benefit all members.

I am very excited about the new mentoring program. It will help to fill a void in our minister and pastor development.

Churches do not have to die. They can be revitalized. Ministers/pastors do not have to remain in a constant state of discouragement. They can be filled with fresh fire. God's kingdom can expand and go forward. There certainly is an abundance of sinners around. They need to be saved and discipled.

God Bless!

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Rev. Mrs. Luetta Paschall Morris

February 10, 1916 – April 27, 2005

Most people live or exist in various states of desperation – not Luetta Paschall Morris. Most Christians live on the fringes of joy, contentment, and happiness – not Luetta Paschall Morris. Most Christians live under the quilting frame. They know there must be a pattern to it all, but they can't seem to put it all together – not Luetta Paschall Morris.

Here was a lady who knew the pattern. She was able to find and discern the Master's purpose. She was able to see the quilt above the frame. She did this spiritually, figuratively, and literally. Because of the way she lived, death was not an exit but an entrance.

Sister Morris was saved at the age of eight. After graduation from high school, she began to seek the Lord about her future. She heard of Holmes Bible College in Greenville, South Carolina. She was an excellent student and upon graduation was asked to remain as a member of the staff. She remained there as teacher, dean, and dietician for nine years. While serving at Holmes, she took advantage of furthering her education by attending Furman University, where she earned her B.S. degree in history with a minor in English.

"Miss Lu," as she became affectionately known, received her minister's license in 1943. She would do ministry in the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church and Upper South Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. She transferred to the North Carolina Conference in 1952.

On returning to North Carolina and her beloved Garland, she organized the Garland Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1954. She remained there as pastor until 1963. She built their first building. Recently, she was a major factor in helping the church build a new sanctuary.

In 1963, Sister Morris was assigned to pastor the Peniel Church. She led them in a mammoth building project and relocation. They were able to build a new church and parsonage. The church tripled in size under her leadership and became a "full-time" church. She pastored the church for twelve years.

Luetta Morris was always a busy woman. While pastoring, she taught public school for 23 years. She had conducted vacation Bible schools and worked in the conference youth camps for years.

In 1975 she married Reverend W. Harvey Morris. She then served as a pastor's wife for four years. On their retirement to Falcon, she served on the town council for four years and as mayor for twelve years. She was a great mayor. A new town hall was purchased and many other improvements made – all debt free. Here was one great lady!

Her celebration service was conducted in her beloved Peniel Church on Saturday, April 30, 2005. Those speaking were Pastor Jeff Bartlett, Superintendent Chris Thompson, Rev. Wiley Clark, Joey Leggett (who represented his father, Bishop James D. Leggett), and Rev. Noah Barefoot, Jr. It was a great service. Interment was in the Carter Cemetery in Garland.

I admired this lady. She was a dear friend and mentor.

"Servant of God, Well Done!
Your glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought; the war is won,
And you are crowned at last."
–Anonymous

–D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent, N.C. Conference

Mrs. Sylvia Blaylock Long

November 26, 1943 – April 30, 2005

On April 30, 2005, a lady, a woman of God, left this earth and entered heaven. Sylvia was the wife of Rev. Elwood Long for 42 years. Brother Long is the Superintendent of the Falcon Children's Home in Falcon. He had been superintendent of the North Carolina Conference for 11 years. This team had pastored for 28 years. Brother Long served on the World Missions Board for eight years and for four years on the Planning/Budgetary Committee of the denomination.

A celebration of her life was held on Wednesday, May 4, at the Julius A. Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle in Falcon. The service was officiated by her pastor, Rev. David Wood of the Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church, Wilson, N.C. Other participating ministers were Rev. D. Chris Thompson, superintendent of the N.C. Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and Rev. Gary Strickland, pastor of the Clinton First Pentecostal Holiness Church. Interment at the Falcon Memorial Cemetery followed the service.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. T. Elwood Long, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Kym Wallace, and her husband, Wayne, of Honolulu, Hawaii; two sons, Rev. T. Gregory Long and his wife, Donna, of Lumberton, N.C., and Jason T. Long and his wife, Cari, of Cary, N.C.; her mother, Mrs. Eula Hooker, of Nashville, N.C.; seven grandchildren, Nathan, Justin, Keaton, Madison, Reece, Rose, and Sasha; one sister, Teresa Ashford, and her husband, David, of Georgia; one brother, Kenneth Blaylock, and his wife, Helen of Suffolk, Virginia; and a great aunt, Enola Blaylock, of Perry, Georgia.

Floral recognitions may be given or memorial gifts may be designated in her honor to Falcon Children's Home.

Mrs. Long, a native of Rocky Mount, N.C., was an avid home decorator and seamstress. Her public employment included social services and legal services, including as deputy clerk of court. Her last employment was as receptionist at Falcon Children's Home.

Sylvia Long was a delightful lady, who left a legacy to her husband, family, friends, and all who knew her. She left a legacy of leadership. She led well the N.C. Ministers' Wives Fellowship for eleven years. She taught Sunday school, sang, and worked with the Women's Ministries in the six churches the Longs pastored. She served as a guardian ad litem for Harnett County Children. She was a member of the Sassy Sisters of Dunn, a local chapter of The Red Hat Society. She promoted World Missions in the local churches, gave personally for the support of missionaries, and supported several People to People children from People to People's

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Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Perspectives on Spirit Baptism: Five Views

Chad Owen Brand, editor. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers. 338 pages.

The contributors of the five beliefs about the baptism of the Holy Spirit are as follows: (1) the Sacramental View, Ralph Del Colle; (2) the Wesleyan View, H. Ray Dunning; (3) the Charismatic View, Larry Hart; (4) the Pentecostal View, Stanley M. Horton; and (5) the Reformed View, Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. Each contributor presents the biblical, historical, and theological issues within the perspective, and provides a brief response to the other traditions. The central purpose of the book is to ascertain which tradition is most faithful to Scripture.

Readers who may be confused about this particular doctrinal subject will not likely find all the answers they may be looking for in this book. The controversy over Spirit baptism focuses primarily on subsequence and tongues. Some of the issues addressed include the following: Is a Christian Spirit-baptized at the time of conversion, sanctification, or something beyond sanctification? Is sanctification a form of Spirit baptism? Is Paul's theology of Spirit baptism the same as Luke's theology of Spirit baptism? Can a person have the Spirit without being Spirit-filled? Is speaking in tongues a normative sign of Spirit baptism? What is a spiritual Christian? What is the role of spiritual gifts in the life of the believer? What is the purpose of Spirit baptism?

The typical Reformed position maintains that the baptism of the Spirit occurs at the time of one's conversion. Classical Pentecostals believe that Spirit baptism occurs after one's conversion, and some claim the baptism must occur after the second, definite experience of sanctification, and is evidenced by speaking in tongues or languages. Is Spirit baptism the second blessing or the third blessing? Hart's treatment of the subject gave this reviewer trouble in discovering his theological position. He seems to be saying that a Christian has conversion and charisma at the same time, and that the gift of the Holy Spirit is the culmination of Christian initiation, however experienced. He definitely stated (as the Charismatic position) that a Christian may or may not speak in tongues when Spirit-baptized.

The strength of the book as a theological discussion of Spirit baptism is that various views are briefly presented, and points are made. The other contributors then provide counterpoints, giving the reader additional insight or questions to consider in light of each point and counterpoint. In addition, the contributors agree that Spirit baptism translates into empowerment for missions and evangelism, causing believers to speak God's Word more boldly. In particular, the Wesleyan point of view advocates that Spirit baptism provides "indispensable empowerment for one's growth in holiness," therefore empowering the believer to reach the lost as love conquers all.

The weakness of the book is that the one perspective absorbing the most Scriptural truths about Spirit Baptism seemed to be elusive. Considerable ambiguities exist within these pages. Absolute scriptural clarity was weighed and found wanting. Even Horton, a most worthy presenter, representing Pentecostals, appeared weak in his explanation of sanctification prior to Spirit baptism by generalizing the issue, requiring it to be an experience that follows conversion and evidenced by speaking in tongues. Many third wavers today deny the teaching of the second blessing, and teach that believers are baptized in the Spirit at the time of conversion, and oftentimes downplay the need for glossolalia.

Anyone preaching or teaching on the Holy Spirit will benefit from the information in this volume. Where does all this leave the reader? It leads me to fall back on my Bible and believe God's Word, reverently and completely.

In Search of Paul: A New Vision of Paul's Words and World

John Dominic Crossnan and Jonathan L. Reed. San Francisco: Harper Publishers. 447 pages.

Allow this reviewer a brief explanation about this book. It has been in my possession for some time now, and after having read it, I considered not doing a review on it because of the way I felt about it. However, as I browsed various Christian bookstores, finding it in all of them, and seeing Crossnan, the eminent professor and historical Jesus scholar, on a number of documentaries on biblical times and the biblical world, it became a burden too great to bear any longer.

The book is expensive, and if you are like me, too many books on the shelves have proven not very useful and sometimes unfit or unsafe for regular use in the ministry. This book is no exception. Its utility is restricted to archaeological and historical value about the Grecian and Roman Empire, such as information about coins, statues, inscriptions, agoras, aqueducts, architecture, roads and ports, tombstones and catacombs, temples, idols, and many ancient ruins recently discovered. As far as gaining quality insight into the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul, forget it. In fact, the little good that may come from reading this book about Paul is the anger and frustration and the desire to defend one of the greatest Christians and Apostles who ever lived. In searching for Paul, the authors failed to find him in places where he has been for centuries, approved by various authoritative Christian councils.

Let me hasten to make the point. Crossnan set out to establish the case that the Book of Acts is the most ambiguous source for understanding Paul's life and work, mission and message. Did I miss something? He claims that seven of Paul's epistles are either pseudo-Paul (someone writing who had another name but used the name of Paul) or post-Paul (someone writing whose name was Paul, but who was not Paul of Tarsus), which include Ephesians, Colossians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus. This means these precious, inspired, infallible, inerrant books are "inauthentic." Whatever happened to the closed canon of Scripture that includes the sixty-six books? He claims discrepancies and admits some similarities between the Lukan Paul and the Pauline Paul, based on what he calls "the Lukan fiction" and the Pauline fact. But which Paul are we to believe if the Paul who claims to be Paul is not the right Paul at all? How can we afford to be without the proper and unmistakable Paul? He argues that the Book of Romans was the real Paul's last will and testament, notwithstanding the translucent language of 2 Timothy. He claims that Jesus and Paul were, in his own words, "flatly wrong," about the parousia as something that would occur "soon." Paul may have expected the return of Jesus Christ to occur in his lifetime, but does that mean he was flatly wrong? Flatly, categorically, positively, uncompromisingly, and unconditionally not! Jesus was not and never will be "wrong." Jesus did not make mistakes. Crossnan represents Paul as saying the details about the human future are usually wrong, but details about the divine future are always wrong. But aren't the divine future and the human future the same, since we have only one God, whose divine will shall be executed with no possibility of transversal or eradication? There is only one history, and it is His story. There is only one actual and factual future, and God is in control of that.

Other statements and features were just as disturbing. Sadly, though some of the book could be useful, such as the pictures of ancient ruins, coins, inscriptions, and statues, it offers nothing that will enable readers to become more knowledgeable about the great Apostle of the Uncircumcision. My advice is to save your money and purchase volumes that will be helpful in ministry.

The Complete Guide to the Parables: Understanding and Applying the Stories of Jesus

R. T. Kendall. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House Company. 351 pages.

Now here is a beneficial volume that is literarily engaging, well researched, very pragmatic, and essential reading for anyone who desires to study and deliver messages on the New Testament parables. R. T. Kendall, a passionate and Spirit-empowered writer, spent 25 years pastoring the historic Westminster Chapel in London, England, as successor to G. Campbell Morgan and Martyn Lloyd-Jones. He has earned the right for a hearing on any biblical subject, and the parables are no exception.

Several outstanding features enhance the value of the book: the 34 parables in a preaching, theological format, sound scriptural support, the importance of each parable, numerous applications to real life that contextualize the truth of the parables in contemporary culture, a great source for illustrations, timely quotes, and penetrating and thought-provoking questions. The reader will be challenged to get out of his or her comfort zone and follow Christ passionately and with great determination. Little by little, God can continue to perfect us as we prayerfully read and study this book.

Every Christian can benefit greatly from this helpful volume by R. T. Kendall. This book could serve as a foundation for a preaching series on the parables, or perhaps, a small group study. To purchase this book would be money well spent. Happy Reading!

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

June

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
(1 Thessalonians 5:15-18, NKJV)

Dear Women of God,

Do you remember the cliché "the proof is in the pudding"? It is actually an abbreviation of this statement: "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." It simply means that the true value or quality of something can be judged only when it is actually put to use. That is, it is the result that counts.

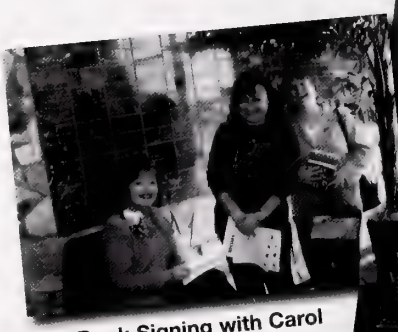
If you attended the NCWM retreat the first weekend in April, you are aware that the result was amazing! We know of at least five women who were saved on Friday night – *five!* Praise God! The Lord was in our presence from the very first word to the very last amen. The music was awesome. The atmosphere smelled like Jesus. I believe women left this retreat with encouraged hearts and hope for the future. We are still receiving praise reports from people who either received a blessing or have seen prayers answered since the retreat.

God used Carol Kent to minister to the hurting and to the discouraged. She and her husband, Gene, have taken a tragic situation that turned their lives upside down and used it to glorify the Lord. This new journey for them has had a huge impact in their relationship with each other as well as their family and friends.

God wants us to make the best of every situation. Even when we don't understand, we can take the bad and make something good out of it. Give thanks for all things; God is in control.

Thank you for your participation in this retreat. May the Lord continue to bless you as you seek His will for your life, and remember, "Together, we can make a difference!"

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

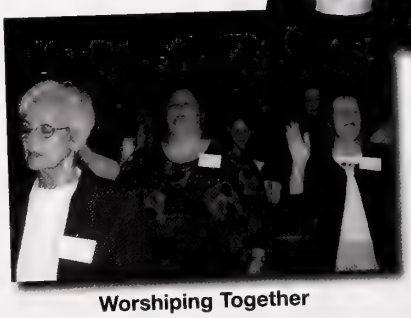


Book Signing with Carol

Mrs. Carol Kent, Guest Speaker

Praying Together Over the Prayer Box

Shiloh Women's Ministries, Wilson, N.C.



Worshiping Together

June is "Sharing Sister" Month...

On Tuesday, April 12, the Sharing Sisters from the Kinston First Church and the West Road Church met together at the West Road Fellowship Hall for an evening of rich fellowship and lots of sharing. Each lady from both churches was asked to prepare and bring a favorite dish and also to bring the recipe to share. Wow! What a table of goodies we all shared! Sister Patsy Deese presented a wonderful devotion. She shared with us the "Recipe for the Anointing" found in Exodus 30:22-36. While describing the spices used in the anointing oil, Mrs. Patsy correlated our roles in Women's Ministries with particular spices. Each one of us is a special spice used to help bring the anointing into the situations of our lives, our families, our church, and our ministries. As delicate reminders, Mrs. Patsy gave each of the individuals serving on our WM boards prayer cloths, each one filled with spice. This was a very timely word of encouragement that she gave to us, after which we enjoyed each other, the food, and door prizes too.

NCWM Conference Director Mrs. Patsy

Mrs. Patsy speaking to local Director Janice Warren & Darnell Nelms and district Director Yvonne Jones

Fellowship/ Ice Breaker

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POTPOURRI....

- Use empty toilet paper rolls to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat, and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.
- Crayon marks on walls? This worked wonderfully – a damp rag dipped in baking soda. Comes off with little effort.
- Spray your TUPPERWARE with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato-based sauces, and there won't be any stains.
- Clean a vase. To remove a stain from the bottom of a glass vase or cruet, fill with water and drop in two Alka-Seltzer tablets.
- Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least three hours prior to burning.

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

Slave or Free Man?

All across this nation, people stand up and take notice when our American flag is displayed. It is right they should, because many men and women have fought and died for the freedom our flag represents.

Yet we must go back in history to see the greatest victory ever won for freedom. The greatest victory for man's freedom was won the day Jesus was nailed to the cross! He became the victor that day for all mankind. Yet the freedom He secured for us that day is ours only if we choose to take it.

Sadly, too many people allow Satan to maintain strongholds in their lives and keep them in slavery to sin and bad habits. Families are being torn apart because of the oppression of Satan and unrepented sin. Even believers struggle with addictions they can't seem to break free of as the enemy laughs at their plight.

And where are the mature Christians as these struggles for spiritual freedom are being fought? Too often, they are on the sidelines lamenting the losing battle they observe in a running commentary of gossip, but not entering into the fray to help their comrade overcome the foe. When they see a brother or sister stray from the Lord into sin, whether it is into alcohol, drugs, adultery, homosexuality, etc., often they do nothing effective to combat it.

What we should be doing is reaching out to them in truth and love. We must let them know that it doesn't matter what they have done; Jesus still loves them. He has won the war for complete freedom! John 8:36 proclaims, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed!"

We are here on this earth as ambassadors of Christ to fight the battle with them until they experience complete deliverance through the blood of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 reminds us, "Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." We have the Sword (the Bible). Let us stand on our knees and fight until all know the true, complete freedom found in Jesus Christ!

Mark your calendar for a weekend to remember!

Men's Advance: September 9 and 10, 2005

Guest speakers:
Michael Fletcher of Fayetteville, N.C.
Clark Stallings of Greenville, N.C.
Glen Ward of Columbia, S.C.

You don't want to miss this event!

World Intercession Network

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Teach Me to Pray

"He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" (Matthew 22:37)

Prayer is communicating with the Father, and it takes practice and determination. If you have never practiced the art of prayer, you need to understand that it will take time to develop. You can start with fifteen minutes a day and work yourself up to an hour or more. Practicing prayer daily is the secret of a lifestyle of prayer. When you have arrived at the place where you can be alone with God in prayer for an hour or more, you will begin to experience His supernatural presence and power. You will also begin to know God in a more intimate way, receiving more of His revelations and plans.

When you pray, it is not about how long, where, or in what position you pray. Praying is about your faithfulness to God.

Struggles in Prayer:

The struggle to lift your hands to the Lord may not be with God, but may be with tradition and fear of man: *What will people think of me?* Scriptures based on the lifting of your hands unto the Lord include Psa. 28:2 – 63:4 – 119:48 – 134:2 – 143:6.

How long should I spend praying for each person or subject?

- Pray until the answer comes or God gives you peace.
- Pray until you believe that it has been accomplished in the spiritual realm.
- Accept the answer by faith. Trust God and His Timing. Accept the response of God.
- After you have prayed, thank Him for the answer and begin to praise Him.
- Be persistent in prayer (like the widow): Luke 18:1-8; Matthew 7:7, 8; Mark 14:39; Matthew 26:44.
- Pray the Word of God, not empty words.
- Pray according to the Word (not your own ideas or desires): James 4:3.
- Pray with eternal understanding (God's eternal purposes): Matthew 26:39.
- Pray with faith in the Word you are declaring.
- Pray with correct motives.
- Pray expecting God to answer.
- Pray because you love communicating with God.

When Do You Pray?

- First thing in the morning
- During the midnight hours
- When the Holy Spirit prompts you: Psa. 55:16, 17.

Your daily prayer time is personal, and God knows your schedule and when you will be most effective.

Morning

Psalm 5:3 Psalm 88:13 Mark 1:35
Acts 2:1-4, 15 (Note: the Holy Spirit fell at 9:00 a.m.)

Noon

Psalm 55:17

Evening

Matthew 14:23 Luke 6:12 Mark 6:47

Continuously

1 Samuel 7:8	Romans 1:9,10	1 Samuel 12:23
Ephesians 6: 18	Nehemiah 1:6	Colossians 1:9
Psalm 72:15	Colossians 4:2	Luke 2:37
1 Thess. 3:10	Luke 6:12	1 Thess. 5:17
Acts 10:2	Timothy 5:5	

(Some references and excerpts taken from the book *Becoming a Prayer Warrior* by Elizabeth Alves)

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

La Prioridad de la Evangelizacion

Hace algunas semanas estuve con mi familia en una ciudad la cual está a la orilla de la playa. Mientras estabamos allí, mi hijo me pidió que fueramos a caminar al muelle para ver a la gente pescando. Al entrar al muelle, me quedé observando una lista que estaba en la pared de la tienda, con más de 10 clases de carnada que se usa para pescar. Aunque no se mucho de pesca, mis pensamientos y comentarios fueron que cada carnada era necesaria según el tipo de pez que se desea pescar.

Al evangelismo le podemos llamar "La pesca de almas", debido a la afirmación y el llamado del Señor Jesucristo a sus discípulos de ser pescadores de hombres (Mt. 4:19; Mr. 1:17; Lc. 5:10).

Al igual que la pesca en la que se necesitan diferentes maneras, equipo y carnadas para pescar, así lo es en el evangelismo. Aunque el mensaje es uno sólo, las maneras de predicarlo y las formas que usamos para alcanzar a la gente con ese mensaje, deben variar según el lugar, la gente y las circunstancias.

Como pastores deseamos predicarles a todas las personas de nuestra comunidad, rescatarlos del pecado, el mundo y el diablo, y traerlos a la iglesia, pero debemos meditar en las métodos que estamos usando para compartir las buenas nuevas a ellos.

Hay muchas estrategias que se están utilizando hoy en día, por la iglesia en todo el país para hacer llegar el evangelio a la comunidadñ nosotros debemos prestar atención en cuáles son las características de nuestra gente y las necesidades de nuestra área y aplicar los mejores métodos de evangelismo.

No creo necesario que nos quedemos sólo con una manera tradicional de llevarles el evangelio a las gentes según lo hayamos aprendido, tampoco debemos comprometer el mensaje de salvación que las personas necesitan escuchar, pero si debemos ser creativos; guiados por el Espíritu Santo, sometiendo a Su autoridad y dirección nuestra metodolía para que podamos descubrir cuales son las formas mas efectivas de trabajar en nuestra ciudad.

Desde la perspectiva de la iglesia local, hay varios aspectos que creo son de gran importancia considerar en el proceso de la evangelización de nuestra comunidad, para tener éxito en predicarle a Cristo. A continuación deseo compartir algunos de ellos:

La iglesia debe ser entrenada acerca de cómo compartir a Cristo con valor, fe y efectividad. Esta enseñanza debe venir desde el púlpito o en clases particulares cada año.

La iglesia debe enfocarse en uno de los propósitos de su existencia, el cual es la proclamación del evangelio a la gente, por lo cual debe:

Incluir en su presupuesto anual la inversión que sea necesaria para la evangelización.

Incluir en sus actividades anuales, muchas horas de oración e intercesión por la salvación de la comunidad.

Establecer en su programación anual metas y objetivos tomando cada oportunidad que aparezca para predicarle a los perdidos.

Formar y sostener un plan efizaz para darle seguimiento a los nuevos convertidos con el discipulado, hasta llevarlos a la madurez con un enfasis en la prioridad de que ellos ganen a otros para Cristo.

Hacer conciencia permanente en la visión, la pasión y la acción por alcanzar nuestra ciudad para Cristo. No permitir que los miembros de la congregación se vuelvan lentos y descuidados en ganar almas para el reino de Dios.

El pastor y los líderes de la iglesia deben reflexionar acerca de los métodos que estan usando en la evangelización, y empezar a pensar y utilizar nuevas formas de predicarle a su comunidad.

Perseguir la exelencia en el ambiente y programación de la iglesia para que las personas que nos visitan, regresen de nuevo.

Debemos evaluar constantemente todo lo que estamos haciendo

No demos por un hecho que todo lo que estamos haciendo está bien, sin haberlo revisado seriamente para ver si está dando los frutos deseados.

Trabajar fuertemente para mejorar la bienvenida y el recibimiento que se le da todos los que visitan nuestros servicios.

Tener en la congregación el mejor plan de seguimiento con las personas que llegan por primera vez a nuestra iglesia.

Analizar el crecimiento de la iglesia constantemente y ser francos en determinar el fracaso o el éxito, identificando y reconociendo las razones de lo uno o lo otro.

Estar dispuestos a cambiar cuando notamos que debemos de hacerlo, y desarrollar la sensibilidad apropiada hacia las necesidades de la gente y los desafios de la iglesia en su comunidad.

Enfocarse en levantar el nivel de vida cristiana de cada creyente de la congregación, para que el testimonio que le estamos dando a nuestra familia, y vecinos, concuerde con el mensaje que les estamos predicando. Nada puede traer tanto desánimo para que las personas abracen el evangelio, como los malos ejemplos.

Así mis hermanos, la evangelización debe ser prioridad en la iglesia, por lo cual necesitamos estar dispuestos a invertir todo lo necesario en tiempo, dinero y esfuerzos, para cumplir con el deseo y mandato de Jesús de "...ir, y hacer discípulos a todas las naciones..."

Informacion Especial

- El pastor Juan Montes ded Newton Grove es papá otra vez. Le felicitamos y a su esposa María Montes, por la llegada de su hermoso bebé, Kenneth Montes.
- Las clases del pasado INE fueron una gran bendición. El profesor Rev. Juan Parker hizo un excelente trabajo, Dios nos bendijo con un ambiente muy lindo. Felicitamos a todos los estudiantes y agradecemos a los pastores por su apoyo.
- El próximo INE será el 8 y 9 de julio en Falcon. La materia será "La Carta a los Romanos." Apresúrece a registrarse ya que el cupo es limitado.
- El Campamento Juvenil Hispano este año será en Falcon el 1 y 2 de julio. Motivemos a nuestra juventud a participar. Más información con Rev. Fernando Angulo.

The Priority of Evangelization

Some weeks ago my family and I went to a city near the beach. While we were there, my son asked me to walk to the pier to see the people fishing. When I was entering the pier, I stopped to look at a list on the wall of the store, with more than 10 classes of baits used for fishing. Although I do not have very much knowledge about fishing, my thoughts and comments were that each kind of bait is necessary according to the type of fish one wants to catch.

We could call evangelism "fishing for souls," due to the statement and the call from the Lord Jesus Christ to his disciples to be fishers of men (Mt. 4:19; Mr. 1:17; Luke 5:10).

Just as a fisherman needs several types of equipment and bait in order to fish, so it is with evangelism. Although there is only one message, the ways of preaching the gospel and the methods we use in order to reach people with the message should vary according to the place, the people, and the circumstances.

We as pastors want to preach to all the people in our communities, rescue them from sin, the world, and the devil, and bring them to the church, but we should meditate on the methods we are using in order to share the Good News with them.

Many strategies are being used today by the church all over the country in order to take the gospel to the community. We should pay attention to the characteristics of our people and the needs of our area and apply the best methods of evangelism to reach people for Christ.

I don't believe it is necessary to use only the traditional way of taking the gospel to the people according to what we have learned; neither should we jeopardize the message of salvation that the people need to listen to, but we should be creative and be guided by the Holy Spirit, submitting our methodology to His authority and direction, so that we can discover which are the most effective ways of working in our cities.

From the perspective of the local church, there are several aspects that I believe are important to consider in the process of evangelizing our communities, in order to be successful in preaching Christ. I want to share some of them with you:

The church should be trained about how to share Christ with boldness, faith, and effectiveness. This teaching should come from the pulpit or in particular classes every year.

The church should focus on one of the purposes of their existence, which is the proclamation of the gospel to the people.

Include the investment necessary for evangelization in their annual budget.

Include in their annual activities many hours of prayer and intercession for the salvation of the community.

Establish annual goals and objectives in their programs, taking each opportunity that appears in order to preach to the lost.

Form and sustain an efficient plan in order to follow up on new converts with discipleship to take them toward maturity, with an emphasis on the priority of winning others for Christ.

Make it a permanent matter of conscience to have vision, passion, and action to reach our cities for Christ, not permitting members of the congregation to become slow and careless about winning souls for the kingdom of God.

Pastors and leaders of the church should meditate about the methods they are using in evangelization, and begin to think and use new ways of preaching to their communities.

Pursue excellence in the atmosphere and programming of the church, so that people who visit us return.

We should constantly evaluate all that we are doing in the church. We should not consider it a fact that all we are doing is all right, without examining everything seriously, in order to see if it is giving the fruits we want.

Work strongly to improve the welcome and greeting we are giving to all those who are visiting our services.

Have a better plan to follow up with people who are coming for the first time to our congregation.

Analyze the growth of the church constantly and be truthful in determining the failure or success, identifying and recognizing the reasons for one or the other.

Be willing to change when we notice that should, and develop sensitivity toward the needs of people and the challenges of the church in our communities.

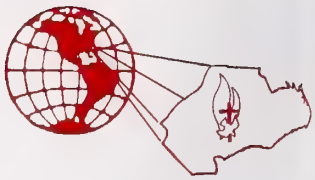
Focus on lifting the level of Christian life of each believer in the congregation, so that the testimony we are giving to our families and neighbors agrees with the message we are preaching them. One thing that discourages people from embracing the gospel is bad examples.

So, my brethren, evangelization should be a priority in the church for which we need to be willing to invest everything necessary: time, money, and effort, in order to fulfill the desire and command of Jesus: "...Go and make disciples of all nations..."

Special Information

- Pastor Juan Montes of Newton Grove is a dad again. Congratulations to him and his wife, Maria, for the arrival of the little Kenneth Montes.
- The class of the last INE was great. The teacher, Rev. John Parker, did an excellent job. God blessed us with a beautiful atmosphere. Congratulations to the students, and thank you, pastors, for your support.
- The next INE will be on July 8-9 in Falcon. The subject will be the book of Romans; hurry to register because we have limited space.
- The next Hispanic Youth Camp this year will be in Falcon on July 1 and 2. Let's motivate our youth to come and participate – more information with Rev. Fernando Angulo.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions



J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism/World Missions Ministries Report

Evangelism

On Saturday night, April 16, John Parker, Luis Avila, and I traveled to the Emmanuel PH Church in Raleigh to be a part of a special occasion. The occasion was to organize the Emmanuel Hispanic Congregation. Pastor Larry Kelley and the congregation of the Emmanuel church had the burden to host a Hispanic church, and in July 2004 they opened their doors to a group of Hispanic people who had already been meeting for several months under the leadership of Pastor José del Villar. Brother del Villar has been a member of the N.C. Conference for several years. It was a great evening, with 62 people present and 27 charter members. Thank you, Pastor Kelley and the Emmanuel congregation, for opening your facility; and thank you, Pastor del Villar, for responding to the call to plant a church!

I believe that we in the North Carolina Conference are going to see a continuing move of God's Spirit across the field of harvest. Through prayer, the anointing, and intentionally planting churches, we will share in the work of what the Holy Spirit is doing across this conference. In the recently conducted Church Planters' School in Atlanta, Georgia, we had two couples, Dan and Sandy Nowiski and Andy and Terri Shaeffer, who attended. Both couples have a burden to plant churches, and plans are already under way to do just that in the coming months. This conference is *one church* in 203 locations, and we are well on the way to expanding God's kingdom by 10 more locations this year. The focus on "churches mothering churches" and intentionally planting churches is seizing the hearts of congregations and pastors, and, quite frankly, that prospect is exciting! As was quoted in the May article, pastors and congregations, pray that God will raise up church planters in our congregations and that He will also burden the hearts of existing churches and pastors to mother new churches out of their own congregations. Let us also pray that when, not if, God answer these prayers, we will respond quickly. (John 4:35)

On April 28-30, I had the privilege to attend the African-American Fellowship Conference in Houston, Texas, with Rev. Brian Perry. Superintendent Thompson had to cancel at the last moment because of the passing of Rev. Luetta Morris. Brian and I thoroughly enjoyed the spirit and format of the conference and returned home excited with the experience. We had the opportunity to make initial plans and lay groundwork for the establishment of contacts and networking with independent congregations and interested groups of the

African-American population of Eastern North Carolina. Not only are we interested in making contacts with interested congregations; our greatest goal is to begin to plant churches among the African-American population. This is a matter of prayer, and I ask you to join me in praying so that doors will begin to be opened. Bro. Perry is a committed and talented African-American minister, and God has sent him our way. The time is now, to present African-Americans in North Carolina with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to tell them about the IPHC.

We have had our first Model Church Strategy workshop, with 138 in attendance, representing 22 churches. The response was outstanding, and we eagerly look forward to the next meeting on May 23.

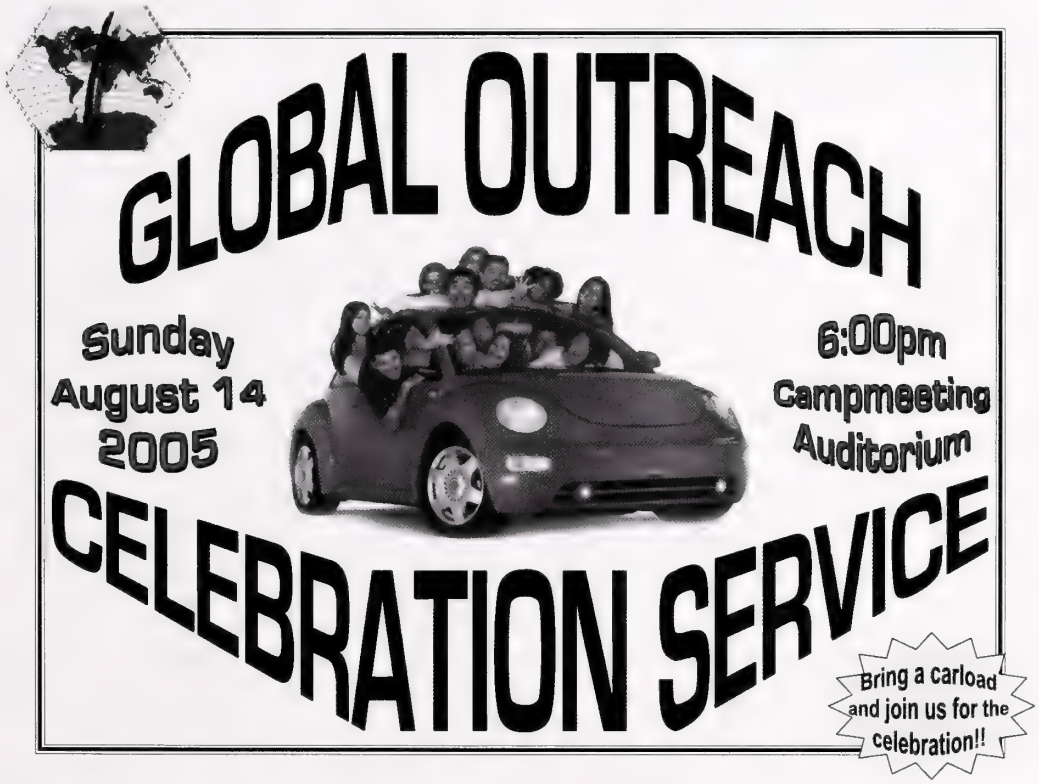
The potential to "go to the next level" exists in every one of our 203 churches. Whether your attendance averages 20 or 1500-plus, the potential is there to move to the next level. As we seek the face of God, follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, and intentionally plan for growth, I believe the potential is present to go to the next level. Every church is a living organism and has the definite potential to break the barrier of 50, 100, 200, 400, etc. Years ago, one of the themes/challenges was, "Are there souls in our goals? " That must still be our challenge.

World Missions

On April 24, I had the privilege to be with Pastor Ricky Nelms and the West Road congregation in Kinston, N.C., to present them the award for having the second highest percentage of increase (490 percent) in their Global Outreach offering in 2004 over 2003. Congratulations, Ricky and West Road congregation!

I praise God for the faithfulness and support of our pastors and churches. Because of you and your response to the Great Commission, through March 2005, as a conference, we showed a 22 percent increase in total missions giving over 2004 (2004 – $227,203; 2005 – $276,906).

We have 21 active missionaries who are members of our conference. I urge and challenge you to use them in your church. Remember, our conference goal for Global Outreach is $295,000. This is totally attainable; however, without your response, it cannot happen. Thank you in advance for your investment in eternity!



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inception. She made several missions trips with her husband to London, Spain, France, Israel, and Africa. A church was built and named in her honor in Kenya.

Sister Long left a legacy of life and laughter. Sylvia gave a spark of hope and life to all she met. She adored her children and grandchildren. She had written tributes to her mother, husband, children, and grandchildren. These were read at her funeral. She loved to laugh and had a very special giggle. Her love for life and her laughter took her through many difficult valleys.

She left a legacy of love. She loved her Lord. Saved at the age of seven, she had a strong and vibrant Christian faith. She loved her husband and family. All who knew her knew the depth of her love for her God, husband, and family. It was unsurpassed. She died well. For her, death was not the end but the beginning. Death was an entrance, not an exit. She faced death not with fear but with anticipation and expectation – with love for her God.

Sylvia Long will be greatly missed. She left us early for heaven, but heaven is a brighter place and greater hope because She is there.

Blessed is Sylvia who considered the weak;
The Lord will deliver her in time of trouble.
The Lord will preserve her and keep her alive,
and she will be blessed on the earth.
As for her, you upheld her in her integrity,
And set before her your face forever.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.
Psalm 41 (her favorite)

Reverend Mary Ruth Heath

January 5, 1920 – April 15, 2005

Sister Ruth Heath died at Bethesda Health Care Facility in Fayetteville, North Carolina. She was born in 1920 in Pender County. Ms. Heath was the daughter of the late William Alexander and Lessie Laura Rivenbark Heath. She is survived by a sister, Wilma Brown, and a brother, Carl Heath, both of Willard. She is also survived by her niece, Rev. Yvonne Wagner, missionary to Africa, and family.

Ruth Heath was converted at the age of 14 in Pender County. She began ministry at the age of 20 when she entered Holmes Bible College, Greenville, S.C., in 1940. She remained at Holmes for 12 years. She graduated during that time and taught as an instructor. She was dean of girls for a number of years. During this time she also graduated from Furman University.

Reverend Ms. Heath joined the N.C. Conference on August 28, 1948. She assisted in pastoring five churches. These were Warsaw, Hollands Chapel, Mount Olive, Tyndall Grove, and Stedman. She worked at Falcon Children's Home for three years. For 20 years she worked faithfully in vacation Bible schools.

In addition to her church work, Sister Heath worked for 30 years in the Cumberland County school system. She served as teacher, principal, and administrator. She was a principal for 12 years.

Her celebration service was held on Sunday afternoon, April 17, 2005, at the Peniel Church in Roseboro, N.C. It was a great service. Pastor Jeff Bartlett, Superintendent Chris Thompson, Rev. Jim Brinkley, and Pastor Randall Strickland spoke. Special music was provided by the church and her great niece, Beth Vick, and various family members. Interment was in the Roseboro family cemetery.

It was my privilege to pastor Ruth Heath in the late 1970s for six years. She was very supportive to the family and me. She and her dear friend, Harriet Hales, were a great blessing to the church, Peniel Pentecostal Holiness Church. Her friendship and support remained strong up to the time of her death. All through her life, she said, "Yes, Lord," in obedience.

She is not lost to us. She is in heaven. She will be remembered in love.

–D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent, N.C. Conference

Rev. Mrs. Lida Mae Hales Rogers

December 1, 1925 – April 19, 2005

Lida Mae Hales Rogers was born December 1, 1925, in Johnston County, N.C., the daughter of William Henry and Nempie Hales. She graduated from Glendale High School in 1944 and married Tommie Hubert Rogers on October 11, 1944. She is survived by five children: Donnie E. Rogers and wife, Gwen, of Princeton, North Carolina; Benjamin (Ben) Rogers and wife, Betty, of Wilson, N.C.; Candace R. Singleton and husband, Wade, of Lillington, N.C.; LaRue R. Tart and husband, John Tart II, of Grantham, N.C.; Will Rogers and wife, Sherry, of Goldsboro, N.C. Granny Rogers was very proud of her 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, and 15 step-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Linwood Hales of Pine Level. Lida Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Tommie Hubert Rogers; mother, Nempie Sullivan Hales; father, William Henry Hales; brothers, Condary Hales and William Arthur Hales; and sister, Helen Hales Balance.

Lida Mae was a licensed mission worker with the Pentecostal Holiness Church conference. She was a member of Bizzell Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church, Princeton. Among other things, Lida served as Sunday school teacher, Women's Ministries president and vice president, full-time pastor, and fill-in pastor for various churches over the years. She pastored the Micro and Selma Pentecostal Holiness Churches. She held home prayer meetings and revivals in many areas of the Pentecostal Holiness conference, and was a speaker at Women's Ministries and numerous outreaches. She lived in Princeton most of her life before moving to Lillington two years ago for health reasons. She was a retired homemaker as well as a talented seamstress for family and public for many years.

Lida Mae and Hubert Rogers originated the Sunday school extension outreach at the Smithfield Manor in 1976, and it is still an ongoing missions work through Bizzell Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church. Lida Mae was a living example of God's glory, with a pure heart filled with His grace. She was the light in the darkness of those who knew her, forever leaving a piece of her heart in their memories. To God be the glory, honor, and praise!

She was an avid writer and blessed many with her poems. For several years she published a monthly newsletter entitled *Silver Threads*. Through her words and writings she encouraged many.

Lida Mae passed away on April 19, 2005, at Good Hope Hospital, Erwin, N.C. The celebration service was held at Parrish Funeral Home, Princeton, on Friday, April 22, 2005. Several ministers participated – Pastor Dwight Dunning, Reverend Steve Smith, Superintendent Chris Thompson, Reverend Elwood Long, and Reverend L.B. Collins. She will be long remembered.

–D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent, N.C. Conference

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

We are right now in the midst of Falcon Youth Camp, and our theme is "Face 2 Face." You can be assured that we are asking our young people this simple question our National Youth Pastor, Steve Ely, is asking: "Is It in You?"

Is It In You?

The athletes are sweating blue and green drops of perspiration. As they strain to make the basket or to cross the finish line, every drop of liquid is highlighted in various hues and shades of color. The scene changes to the athletes recovering by taking a long drink of a famous sports drink. Then at the end of the commercial, the famous athletes send the message home by asking, "Is it in you?" The marketing agents have probably spent thousands of hours trying to come up with this clever advertisement plan. However, as original as they thought they were, they aren't the first to ask this important question. This same question was asked almost 2000 years ago.

In Acts 19:1-2, Paul met some men and asked them, "Is it in you?" He didn't ask them about the weather or the hottest fishing hole, or engage in any other form of small talk. The first thing out of his mouth was an attempt to find out if *it* was in them. Paul was absolutely convinced that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was crucial for these men. He wouldn't let them make any excuses or change the subject. He was determined to discover if they had *it* in them. Only a few short minutes after Paul initiated the conversation, these men received the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues!

When we come into contact with young people, we ask them a lot of important questions like, *Have you been reading your Bible? Have you been spending time in prayer? Have you been witnessing at school?* These are all very important questions. These things are crucial for the health and success of our young people's walk with Christ. However, I believe that we have allowed the sports drink company to steal one of the most important questions we can ask our youth. So let me encourage you to skip the small talk. Pass right by the chitchat. Don't ask about what they did on Friday night or if they might know the best place to shop. Instead, go right to heart of the matter and ask them, "Is *it* in you?" Find out if they have been filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. If not, then they are missing a vital element in their walk with Christ.

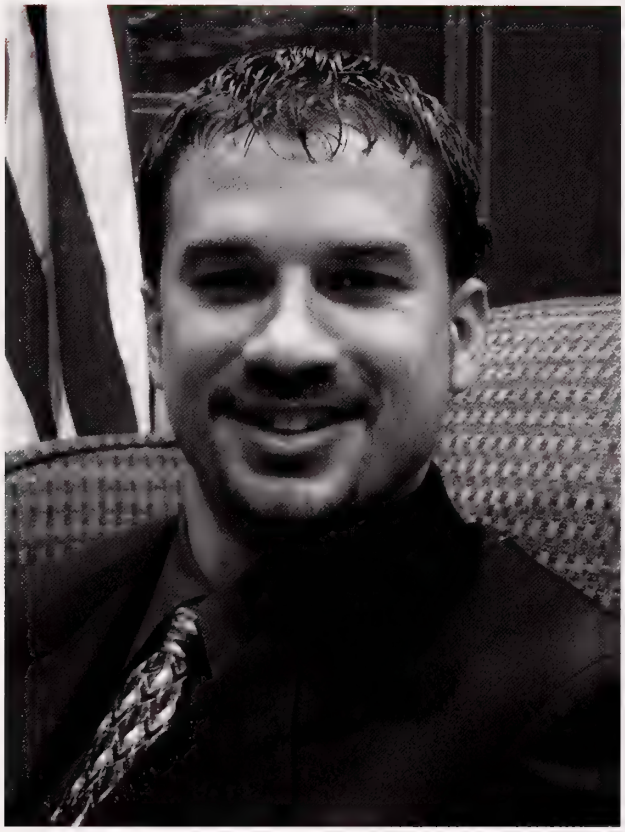
The popular sports drink claims that their drink will help athletes practice and perform better. The same can be said about the Holy Spirit. With the power of the Holy Spirit residing within them, your young people will perform better. Your young people will pray better (Romans 8:26-27), live better (Romans 8:13), witness better (Acts 1:8), and deal with life better (John 16:7). Isn't it time for you to ask the question?

CEM offers two resources concerning the Holy Spirit. Please contact CEM at 405-787-7110, ext. 3324 to order *Fuel for the Fire*, an interactive CD-Rom that has 49 Bible studies on the Person, Power, and Product of the Holy Spirit ($8). Many youth workers are using this as material for small groups or Sunday school classes. You can also order *The Missing Element*, a powerful sermon by Steve Ely dealing with why someone needs the Holy Spirit ($5). This would be a good message for you to preach to your youth during youth service.

Steve Ely
National Youth Director, IPHC

Youth Night of Camp Meeting

August 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.



Warren Beemer

We would like for all the NC Conference youth to attend Youth Night of Camp Meeting on August 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

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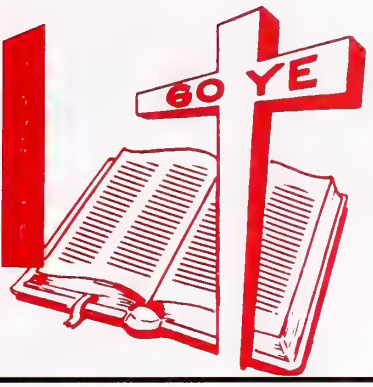

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GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Camp Meeting 2005

Summer means camp meeting time within the North Carolina Conference. This summer is no exception. Two great camp meetings are planned within the N.C. Conference territory. These are Falcon Camp Meeting and Piney Grove Camp Meeting.

Falcon Camp Meeting began in 1900 under the leadership of J. A. Culbreth, a local Methodist layman who had received the experience of sanctification under the preaching of Reverend A. B. Crumpler. Mr. Culbreth managed the camp meeting until 1943 as an interdenominational event. In that year, he released the camp meeting to the leadership of the N.C. Conference Board of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

For 106 years the camp meeting has emphasized the full gospel message of salvation, sanctification, Holy Spirit baptism (beginning in 1907), divine healing, and the second coming of Christ. This year will be no exception. The preaching and teaching of the featured speakers, Reverends Tony Miller, Leroy Baker, and Jimmy Whitfield, will continue these biblical themes.

In addition to these dynamic speakers, several others will bless our hearts: Bishop James Leggett, Mrs. Jean Williams, Rev. Warren Beemer, Rev. John Parker, Mr. Grady Taylor, Rev. Jonathan Griffin, Rev. Fernando Angulo, Rev. Tim Bowen, and Rev. Janice Marshburn. Rev. Wiley Hughes and team will lead the music. On the last Sunday night, a mass choir will bless those in attendance.

The theme this year is "Yes, Lord — A Year of Miracles!" The Lord is speaking clearly to our hearts in 2005. His people need to obey and say, "Yes, Lord!" Obedience will bring a powerful flow of miracles. They are needed!

Falcon Camp Meeting will convene Sunday night, August 7, 2005, through Sunday night, August 14, 2005. Piney Grove will follow shortly thereafter: Thursday night, August 18, 2005, through Sunday night, August 28, 2005. A schedule for the Falcon Camp Meeting is included in this month's edition. The services for Piney Grove will be nightly at 7:30 and earlier on the weekends.

The speakers for Piney Grove this year will be Rev. Jimmy Whitfield of the First Church Goldsboro and Rev. Roger Leggett of the Williamston First Church. These are two outstanding preachers and have spoken at Piney Grove before. They will be a blessing.

The Piney Grove Camp Meeting is sponsored by the Hodges Chapel Church. The board of the church serves as the board of the camp meeting. The N.C. Conference superintendent serves as the camp meeting manager. The camp meeting began in 1909 under the leadership of Reverend A. H. Butler. The tabernacle was air-conditioned in 2004. The services are greatly anointed by the Lord.

Throughout all these many years, the Falcon Camp Meeting and Piney Grove Camp Meeting have blessed Eastern North Carolina and the North Carolina Conference. Their influence extends to the entire world through the World Missions emphasis. Anyone and everyone is welcome to the services. A program has been planned for all.

Betty and I greatly enjoy camp meeting. It is a joy to worship God with so many of our friends and fellow ministers. Every year, the Lord does something special in us through the services. This year will be no exception. Join us!

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James D. Leggett Elected to Lead Pentecostal World Fellowship

At a meeting in Sydney, Australia, on May 4, 2005, the advisory committee of the Pentecostal World Fellowship (PWF) elected Bishop James D. Leggett, general superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC), as its new chairman. Leggett is the fourth Pentecostal leader to chair the PWF since its organization in 1947 in Zurich, Switzerland.

Other Pentecostal leaders who have chaired the fellowship include the late Thomas Zimmerman, former general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri; Dr. Ray Hughes, former general overseer for the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee; and Dr. Thomas Trask, current general superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Bishop Leggett has served as general superintendent of the IPHC for the past eight years. He also co-chairs the Pentecostal-Charismatic Churches of North America (PCCNA) with Bishop George McKinney of the Church of God in Christ.

"From its beginning in 1906, the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement has grown until today it includes a constituency of over 600 million believers," says Leggett. "Some theologians are calling the 21st century 'the day of the Pentecostals.' The movement has spread around the world. It is now a major force in Christendom. Many of the megachurches around the globe are Pentecostal/Charismatic congregations."

Besides Chairman Leggett, the PWF executive committee is made up of leaders from around the world. These include Lamar Vest, Cleveland, Tennessee; Prince Guneratnam, Malaysia; Comeho Costelo, Mexico; Isak Burger, South Africa; Felipe S. Ferrez, Philippines; and David Petts, England. New additions to the advisory board include Dr. Jack Hayford, president of the Church of the Foursquare Gospel, based in Los Angeles, California; Dennis McGuire, general superintendent of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee; and Rev. Dr. Masayoshi Safu, general superintendent, Assemblies of God, Komagome Toshima-ku Tokyo, Japan.

L-R: Cornelio Costelo, Isak Burger, Lamar Vest, Felipe S. Ferrez, James D. Leggett, Prince Guneratnam - PWF Officers, 2005

The Pentecostal World Fellowship convenes every three years. Its most recent conference, held September 14-17, 2004, in Johannesburg, South Africa, included representatives from 83 nations. The 21st World Conference is scheduled to meet again at the Bethany Church in Surabaya, Indonesia, in July 2007. With 20,000 adherents, Indonesia's Bethany Church is the largest congregation (and possibly the largest church facility) in Southeast Asia. Dr. Abraham Alex Tanuseputra serves as senior pastor of this outstanding church.

Bishop James Leggett and his wife, Faye, live in Oklahoma City. The Resource Development Center for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church is located in Oklahoma City.

April 25-29, 2006, Pentecostals from around the world will gather in Los Angeles, California, to celebrate the centennial of the "Great Azusa Street Revival." This revival gave impetus to the modern Pentecostal/Charismatic movement. Organizers are expecting thousands to converge on L.A. for this five-day event.

News From Rev. Richard Robinson

Joan was selected as Teacher of the Year for 2005 at Smyrna Elementary School. His son, Brad, recently graduated cum laude (with honors) from UNCW. His degree is in English literature. He will begin teaching AP English at Croatan High School this fall.

New Creation Worship Center News

On March 15, New Creation Worship Center in Havelock held its second baptism service. It was held at Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City.

They had 12 baptized, who represented three entire families. The baptisms occurred after a period of praise and worship and a short word by pastor Myrtle Jayroe. The Holy Spirit moved throughout the entire baptismal service, and all attending were blessed.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Hell Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents Eternal Punishment

Christopher W. Morgan and Robert A. Peterson, general editors. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company. 256 pages

With sin and hell vanishing from the evangelical landscape, all that remains is the attitude that boys will be boys, and God will overlook or forget sin and its consequences. Have we given up on reality in search of a good fantasy? For centuries, the theological attacks have come from without, including philosophers who denied the deity of Christ, the infallibility of Scripture, the Triune Godhead, and even the thought of eternal punishment. In recent times, however, the attacks against biblical truth have come from within. Some notable Christians deny the existence of endless judgment upon the wicked. Whether it is by advocacy of universalism or of annihilationism, some suppose a loving, merciful God is incompatible with eternal punishment. Whatever happened to hell? Where did it go?

This book consists of nine contributors presenting various articles on the issues and problems relating to the existence of hell. The writers include Gregory K. Beale, Daniel L. Block, Sinclair B. Ferguson, R. Albert Mohler Jr., Douglas J. Moo, Christopher W. Morgan, J. I. Packer, Robert A. Peterson, and Robert W. Yarbrough. It is refreshing to see these men taking a stand beside the ones we have depended upon in the past, such as John MacArthur, John Piper, R. C. Sproul, Norman Geisler, Carl Laney, Erwin Lutzer, David Wells, Paige Patterson, Douglas Groothuis, James Kennedy, Os Guinness, and Josh McDowell, just to name a few.

Mohler presents a historical background of how far the church has come in terms of the doctrine of hell. Daniel Block provides doctrinal teaching on hell from the Old Testament, while Yarbrough, Moo, and Beale focus on the teachings of Jesus, Paul, and the Book of Revelation on the doctrine of hell. J. I. Packer tackles the heretical teaching of universalism, putting it into perspective and showing why Bible-believing Christians must reject it. Annihilationism, the belief that those who die apart from saving faith in Jesus Christ will be ultimately destroyed, is aptly addressed by Christopher Morgan.

Wrapping it up, Sinclair Ferguson wisely deals with the preacher and the certain reality of hell. While increasing numbers of professing Christians find the idea of hell and everlasting punishment intolerable, the God-called preacher has a moral, spiritual, and personal responsibility to God and his or her congregation to preach the whole counsel of God. Based on the testimony of the Word of God, of the holy apostles, and of the Lord Jesus Christ, hell does exist. All who die without Jesus Christ will go to hell. Sinners must be warned. The Bible remains clear. Hell, though prepared for the devil and his angels, is shared by real human beings. As intolerable a thought as it may be, nevertheless, we must view truth as God has revealed it. A person either inherits the kingdom of God or resides forever in the Lake of Fire, which is the Second Death.

One wonders where all this denial of God's truth will lead in the last days before the Lord Jesus returns to earth. If God dies, and hell vanishes away, whatever will become of Hitler, Stalin, Idi Amin, and all those Christ-rejectors? Indeed, hell may be under fire, but popular opinion and alternative views will not dampen or extinguish the fiery flames of hell.

The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience: Why Are Christians Living Just Like the Rest of the World?

Ronald J. Sider. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2005. 140 pages.

The message of the book is a reminder of how far Christians have come, especially in the last fifty years or so. The author unveils what we have known for some time now: there are few differences between most Christians and non-Christians. Culture exercises greater influence upon the Church than the other way around. "From money to sex to racism to personal self-fulfillment, a scandalous percentage of Christians are violating biblical standards with barely a twinge of conviction."

Some of the statistics are staggering, to say the least. Michael Horton wrote, "Survey after survey demonstrates that evangelical Christians are as

likely to embrace lifestyles every bit as hedonistic, materialistic, self-centered, and sexually immoral as the world in general." For example, divorce is more common among Christians than in the general American population. A mere 4.27 percent of evangelicals tithe. According to Barna, 25 percent of "born-again" folk live with a member of the opposite sex without being married. Twenty-six percent of traditional evangelicals do not think premarital sex is wrong, and 46 percent of nontraditional evangelicals say it is morally okay. The percentage of Christian men involved in pornography is not much different from that of the unsaved. Theologically conservative Christians commit domestic abuse at least as often as the general public. Born-again Christians spend seven times more hours each week in front of their televisions than in Bible reading, prayer, and worship. Only 14 percent of born-again adults rely on the Bible as their moral compass and believe that moral truth is absolute. And we wonder where all this will lead in the future?

Sider presents what the Bible teaches should be the expected quality of a Christian's life in light of one's call to be a follower of Jesus Christ. During the days of the early Church, there was a precious attractiveness about the faith and behavior of the early believers. Jesus and later Paul called for costly obedience and radical discipleship. Happiness comes not first from material things, but from a right relationship with God and with people. The kingdom of God eclipsed anything earthly and temporal. Casual Christianity was unacceptable. Cheap grace found no place in apostolic preaching. Sunday was the Lord's Day, not His half-day and the rest for play.

There was no jumping from one church to the next, seeking better tennis courts and swimming pools. Safe sex was sex within marriage. Birth control came by avoidance of premarital sex. Sermons were not light and informal. The slightest departure from Scripture's truth was labeled "false." The gospel was the gospel of Jesus Christ, not the gospel of self-esteem. Hell was hot, and heaven sweet. The transforming and dynamic power of genuine faith was transparent for all to see. Instead of the world turning the church upside down, leaving it wobbling and wrenching in endless agony, the Church marched triumphantly throughout the Roman Empire, to the uttermost parts of the earth, proclaiming, "Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!"

Is there any hope for the modern Church? Is the Church incorrigible? All one has to do is be reminded there is a God, and as long as He exists, there is always hope, but especially for the Church. Some would say the Church is on its way out, and it is—on its way out of this sin-cursed earth! Jesus Christ suffered, bled, and died and paid the ransom for His Church, and He is not about to abandon her in the fray, leaving her to the wolves and that roaring lion. No, He stands at the door and knocks, calling believers back to Himself, pleading with them to repent and to return and remember all that God has done for them. He knocks, ever so gently, calling us, wooing us to withdraw from sin's influences, influence sinners with Christ's love, join hands and hearts with fellow believers, and seek His face while He may be found. Let our lifestyles match our confession. Adorn the gospel with the beauty of holiness. Remember your "resident alienship." We're not home yet, but it won't be long. Just you wait and see. Happy Reading!

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE / JULY

Rev. Mrs. Edna Parker	July 1
Rev. Sherrill Pope	July 4
Rev. Reuben Batchelor	July 6
Rev. M. R. Britton	July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall	July 19
Rev. Jesse Parson	July 27
Rev. Kenneth Tart	August 4
Rev. W. H. Tyson	August 4
Rev. Edsel Hooks	August 9
Rev. W. B. Batten	August 10
Rev. J. H. Norton	August 18
Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell	August 19
Rev. T. H. Godwin	August 20
Rev. H. P. Woodard	August 22
Rev. Joe Arthur	August 26
Rev. W. V. Denning	August 26

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15)

Dear Women of God,

As we prepare for the long, hot days of summer and plan for vacation, I wanted to share with you a story I recently read about a man and his family who were on vacation and got sidetracked by a major car problem. He and his family were driving cross-country and were in a remote area somewhere in Utah when their car jolted and came to a halt. He knew immediately that this was no minor problem. Upon getting the car towed to a small town with only a "shade-tree" mechanic to do the work, he learned it would take two or three days to repair his damaged engine. Some serious work had to be done, and parts would take a day to be delivered.

Because this man had prayed with his family that God would look after them on their trip, they decided they must be in God's hands, and there must be a reason for their particular circumstances. They invested themselves in the lives of the small community, even staying with the mechanic's family since there wasn't a hotel. Upon leaving that community three days later, they left behind several new believers in Christ.

We have a wonderful Father in heaven, who orchestrates our circumstances when we place ourselves in His hands. He not only will bless us; He will bless through us if we but seize the opportunity before us. As you vacation this summer, remember that you are embarking upon a personal mission trip. Look for an opportunity to be God's blessing to others while you are on vacation. You'll even come home refreshed, knowing that you have been an ambassador for Christ.

Have a wonderful, fun-filled summer, and may the Lord open up doors of opportunity for each of you.

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI....

- Keep crackers fresh longer by placing them in a tightly sealed plastic bag; store in the refrigerator.
- Keep lettuce and celery longer by keeping them in paper bags instead of plastic bags.
- Burned-on food can be removed from pots and skillets by pouring a couple of drops of dish detergent, plus enough water to cover the bottom of the pan, and then bringing the water to the boiling point (a few bubbles, but not a rolling boil). Let the pan stand a few minutes, and then wash as usual. Food will wash off the pan.

- If a desk or bureau drawer sticks, you can get it to glide smoothly by rubbing its runners with fine-grain sandpaper, then a candle or a piece of soap.

NCWM Directors' Council Training 2005

Each year on the first Saturday in May, local Women's Ministries directors are offered the opportunity to attend a day of training and sharing. On May 7, local directors came from near and far for a time of fellowship at Culbreth Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church in Falcon. The training was centered on the theme "Breaking Out of *Your* Box by Being Proactive." The challenge given was that each director be proactive in prayer, research, and reading to find ideas that will make her local W.M. one in which every lady would want to participate actively. Rev. Karen Sapp, director from Tyndall Grove PHC, started the training with a great challenge from Isaiah 43:18-21. Rev. Sapp reminded us that we often try to hold God inside our box, and that we tend to cage up the Holy Spirit. She challenged us not to focus on the past, for God's desire is to do a new thing among us, and she stated that our focus must be on people.

Following this inspiring devotion, Janice Marshburn led a time of discussion on "Out of the Box Ministries," followed by a session conducted by Margie Teachey on "Out of the Box Programs." Many wonderful ideas that local directors could adapt to their own groups were shared. Before breaking for a delicious lunch catered by the ladies from Pikes Crossroad Church, Margaret Holloway, director from Harvest Temple Church, shared a fun icebreaker. Lovely boxes were given as door prizes.

As we enjoyed our meal, we continued to share ideas at our individual tables. After lunch, Terry Boyette facilitated a session on "Out of the Box Games and Activities," followed by Lois Trueblood's session on "Out of the Box Fund-Raisers." Before going home, Darnell Nelms, director at West Road Church, shared ideas on "How to Be More Proactive." She challenged us to be "proactive thinkers and not reactive stinkers" by planning ahead for those things that could go wrong. She beautifully reminded us that God is a proactive thinker: before He made creation, He already knew what He would have to do to redeem fallen man. The training concluded with Janice Marshburn illustrating that in order to have an "Out of the Box" Women's Ministries, we must get rid of prejudices, misperceptions, fear, and traditional thinking.

If you were unable to attend this year, please mark your calendar for 2006. Leaders have expressed a need for new ideas, and the Director's Council Meeting is the place to get them. See you next year!

Janice Marshburn
NCWM Assistant Director

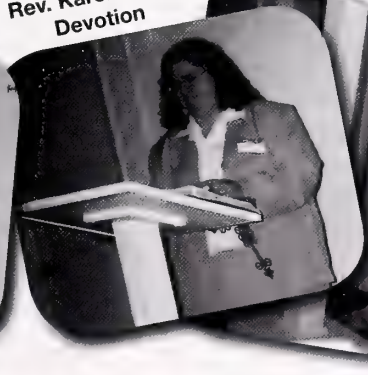
Our Hearts go out to...

The North Carolina Women's Ministries wishes to express our deepest sympathy to Rev. Elwood Long and his family in the death of Sylvia Long on April 30, 2005. Sylvia loved Women's Ministries. We will never forget the gracious hospitality and kindness extended to us in their beautiful home.

The NCWM board was invited to a luau at the home of Bro. and Sister Long on June 6, 2003. Sylvia and Janice are dressed for the occasion.

Local WM Directors Worshiping Together

Rev. Janice Marshburn, NCWM Assistant Director



Rev. Karen Sapp, Devotion

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Peace and Safety?

As I think of what to share each month with the men of the North Carolina Conference, my mind returns again and again to the scriptures in Ephesians 6 that instruct us to *"put on the whole armour of God"* (v. 11). In my heart, I pondered why this message continues to press my heart.

I believe part of the reason God continues to put this message in my heart is due to the danger facing a soldier who is not prepared for battle. The most dangerous place for a soldier is *not* when he is in the heat of the battle, fighting the good fight of the faith.

Rather, 1 Thessalonians clues us in to the *real* time of danger: *"For when they shall say, **Peace and safety**; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, ... and they shall not escape"* (5:3, emphasis added). When a soldier is thinking "peace and safety," it creates a prime time for the enemy to sneak in unawares and destroy him.

How smug Satan must feel when he can lull us into a false sense of security. Sometimes, instead of hurling fiery darts at us, he simply backs off. As we begin to relax, he warily watches for us to drop our guard. Sure, we grab our shield of faith and our mighty two-edged sword when the devil comes in an outright assault. We hit our knees early and frequently, knowing we can conquer only through the power and might of God.

But when there appears to be peace, do we continue to be watchful warriors? Do we get up and dress in our spiritual battle garb for the day? Or do we relax and "take the day off"?

Paul went on to say in 1 Thessalonians that the believer is *"not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief"* (5:4). To the contrary, since Christians know what to expect as Christ's return becomes even more imminent and Satan's deceptions deepen, Paul said we should be *"putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation"* (5:8).

Men, the Word tells us that in the last days, if it were possible, the very elect would be deceived. Don't fall asleep on your watch. Don't fail to dress yourself in the whole armor of God to face each and every day. Satan has a trap right around the corner even if your road may seem safe and smooth at the moment.

Be on guard; be a good soldier. *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles* [deceptions] *of the devil"* (Ephesians 6:10, 11). Please pray this prayer now:

The Warrior's Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Your warrior prepares for battle.
Today I claim victory over Satan by putting on
The whole armor of God!

I put on the girdle of truth!
May I stand firm in the truth of your Word
So I will not be a victim of Satan's lies.

I put on the breastplate of righteousness!
May it guard my heart from evil
So I will remain pure and holy,
Protected under the blood of Jesus Christ.

I put on the shoes of peace!
May I stand firm in the good news of the Gospel
So your peace will shine through me
And be a light to all I encounter.

I take the shield of faith!
May I be ready for Satan's fiery darts of
Doubt, denial, and deceit
So I will not be vulnerable to spiritual defeat.

I put on the helmet of salvation!
May I keep my mind focused on You
So Satan will not have a stronghold on my
Thoughts.

I take the sword of the Spirit!
May the two-edged sword of your Word
Be ready in my hands
So I can expose the tempting words of Satan.

By faith your warrior has put on
The whole armor of God!

I am prepared to live this day in spiritual victory!

Amen.

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A Praying Parent

Parenting is a great joy and job, but it can also be the most difficult one. Each new age and stage presents different challenges. Sometimes you'll experience smooth sailing, and then at other times, tidal waves. You may experience tiredness and a desire to give up, letting the storm take you where it will. But neither you nor I need give up on the most precious gift God has given us: *our children.*

Our children's lives don't have to be left to chance.

It is never too early and never too late to make a positive difference in our children's future. It doesn't matter if the child is 3 days old and perfect, or 33 years old and going through trials, rebellion, or being dishonorable. At every stage of their lives, our children need and will greatly benefit from our prayers. The key is not to try to do it all by ourselves all at once, but rather to turn to the expert parent of all times, our Father God, for help. As parents, we must cover every detail of our child's life in prayer.

Prayer is seeking the presence of God and releasing the power of God, which gives us the means to overcome any problem.

When we pray, we bring that power to bear upon everything we are praying about, and we allow the power of God to work through our powerlessness. When we pray, we are humbling ourselves before God and saying, "I need Your presence and Your power, Lord. I can't do this without You."

Here are some scriptures that you can pray for your children:

Salvation – Isaiah 45: 8, 2 Timothy 2:10
Courage – Deuteronomy 31:6
Growth In Grace – 2 Peter 3:18
Purity – Psalm 51:10
Love – Galatians 5:25, Ephesians 5:2
Kindness – 1 Thessalonians 5:15
Honesty and Integrity – Psalm 25:21
Generosity – 1 Timothy 6:18, 19
Self-Control – 1 Thessalonians 5:6
Love of Peace – Romans 14:19
Love for God's Word – Psalm 19:10
Joy – 1 Thessalonians 1:6
Justice – Psalm 11:7, Micah 6:8
Perseverance – Hebrews 12:1
Mercy – Luke 6:36
Humility – Titus 3:2
Respect (for self, others, authority) – 1 Peter 2:17
Compassion – Colossians 3:12
Biblical self-esteem – Ephesians 2:10
Responsibility – Galatians 6:5
Faithfulness – Proverbs 3:3
Contentment – Philippians 4:12, 13
Faith – Luke 17:5, 6
A Servant's Heart – Ephesisans 6:7
Hope – Romans 15:13
Passion for God – Psalm 63:8
Willingness and Ability to Work – Colossians 3:23
Self-Discipline – Proverbs 1:3

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Las Relaciones Pastorales, Parte 1

Eclesiastés 3:1 dice una gran verdad acerca de los acontecimientos: "todo tiene su tiempo". Así con esta declaración verdadera podemos pensar en los tiempos, por ejemplo, el tiempo de siembra y cosecha, los tiempos de paz y guerra, el tiempo de presión y tranquilidad, abudancia y escasez. Como ministros estamos familiarizados con los siguientes términos: lucha y paz, sociego y presión, despacio y rápido, liviano y pesado. Como líderes en la obra de Dios, pasamos por tiempos de gran presión y desafío, los cuales no deberíamos atravesar sin estar acompañados.

Eclesiatés 4:9 también dice: "Mejores son dos que uno...". Esta afirmación tiene mucho sentido si la estudiamos a la luz de nuestras relaciones pastorales. Por muchas razones los ministros nos necesitamos unos a otros y urgimos que alguien vele por nuestra vida y por la de nuestra familia. Al mismo tiempo que pastoreamos; tambien necesitamos ser pastoreados.

Tomemos el pasaje de Exodo 17:8-12 y aprendamos de los principios que observamos en la relación entre Moisés, Hur y Aarón en ese momento muy particular.

Aquí hay principios de unidad pastoral y apoyo ministerial mutuo, los cuales podrán ayudarnos en nuestra relación con los demás ministros del área donde estamos trabajando y también con los mismos líderes de la denominación o ministerio donde estamos sirviendo.

Recuerde que había guerra, Amalec contra Israel. El ejercito israelita dirigido por Josué venció a los amalecitas en respuesta a la oración representada por las manos alzadas de Moisés.

Aunque esta guerra era un hecho real, nos enseña que como ministros debemos desarrollar la habilidad de observación y discernimiento para conocer el momento por el que el pueblo de Dios está pasando y tomar acciones concretas para enfrentar esos momentos con los recursos apropiados, es decir aquellos que Dios nos ha dado para usar en la atención de su pueblo.

Proverbios 27:23 nos exhorta, "Sé diligente en conocer el estado de tus ovejas, y mira con cuidado por tus rebaños." Discernir el momento por el que el pueblo de Dios está pasando, tanto corporalmente como individualmente, nos ayudará para saber también que hacer y como ayudar en esa precisa situación. Así como los de la tribu de Isacar, (1 Crónicas 12:32) "...eran entendidos en los tiempos, y que sabían lo que Israel debía hacer, cuyo dicho seguían sus hermanos." De la misma manera los ministros debemos desarrollar la habilidad de saber el momento por el que está pasando la iglesia y establecer el camino a seguir.

En la guerra de Amalec contra Israel, Moisés discernió la situación, y como dije, esta situación no requería de mucho esfuerzo para saber lo que estaba pasando, ya que la ocasión se miraba con amplia claridad, como dice Exodo 17:8 "Entonces vino Amalec y peleó contra Israel en Refidim." De la acción de Moisés podemos entender lo siguiente:

- Moisés hizo un plan
- Tomó una acción concreta y rápida al respecto, "Y dijo Moisés a Josué: Escogenos varones, y sal a pelear contra Amalec; mañana yo estaré sobre la cumbre del collado..." (Exodo 17:9).

De la misma manera, al enfrentar las situaciones del pueblo de Dios, nosotros debemos hacer algo en cualquier ocasión, mobilizando los recursos adecuados y actuando en el tiempo apropiado. Lo que vemos aquí es un lider en acción, Moisés está en movimiento respecto de la situación. Josué hace hace todo lo que le fue dicho y entonces Moisés sube a la cumbre del monte, pero suben con el también Hur y Aarón, y aquí es donde más quería llegar.

Hur era un israelita, del que no se dice mucho en este pasaje y Aarón era el hermano mayor de Moisés; los dos se disponen, se ponen de acuerdo y se unen con Moisés en aquel gran momento de batalla. Como dije al principio de este comentario hay varias lecciones que necesitamos observar y aplicar en nuestras relaciones como ministros y es aquí donde empiezo a compartir algunas de ellas.

1. Ambos Hur y Aaron observaron la determinación de Moisés, pero también su necesidad. Como ministros debemos estar dispuestos a observar y admirar las virtudes, progreso y victorias de otros ministros; celebrarlas y alabarlas, pero al mismo tiempo debemos mirar más allá, me refiero a la realidad de que somos frágiles, dependemos del Señor y tenemos necesidades.
   a. Como pastores y líderes tengamos la voluntad de observar las necesidades de otros líderes y encontrar la manera de apoyarlos y complementarnos mutuamente.
   b. Hur y Aarón vieron la necesidad de Moisés y le dieron la ayuda.
2. La segunda cosa que observo aquí es que Moisés estuvo dispuesto a aceptar la ayuda, la compañía y el esfuerzo de Hur y Aarón. El estuvo dispuesto a aceptar esa compañía con él. Que triste es ver ministros que se aislan de otros ministros y compañeros de ministerio y andan solitarios no sabiendo el peligro que esto conlleva. Razón tiene Eclesiastés de decir "Si uno cae, el otro lo levanta; pero si el hombre solitario cae, grave es su problema." (Eclesiastés 4:10).

Muchos ministros se aislan de los demás a causa de sus propios temores, complejos, falta de estima propia y además viven comparándose con sus compañeros de ministerio, creando así una actitud que lo que trata es de esconder sus deficiencias. Ministros de una misma ciudad, área o denominación deben estar unidos y propiciar el momento para acercarse unos a otros, sin temores y con toda humildad y sencillez.

Filipenses 2:15 dice: "...para que seais irreprensibles y sencillos..." La palabra sencillo viene del griego akeraios el cual significa "sin mezcla, exento de materiales extraños", puro, se utiliza en el N.T. de lo que es sin doblez, sincero. Así los ministros debemos acercarnos unos a otros con sencillez de corazón, con toda sinceridad buscando la unidad que nos dé soporte y fortaleza mientras llevamos a cabo la dificil tarea de dirigir el pueblo de Dios.

Informacion Especial

1. Saludamos y felicitamos al pastor Arnoldo y su esposa Marcela Santibañez por su precioso bebée Emanuel Santibañez Castañeda, quien nació el 12 de mayo pasado. Pesó 7 libras y media y es precioso. Que Dios les bendiga en su privilegiada tarea de ser padres otra vez. Ellos son pastores de la iglesia en Creswell.
2. Rogamos sus oraciones por la Conferencia General de nuestra iglesia que será en Oklahoma City el 26 al 29 de julio. Que Dios dirija todas las cosas en esa importantísima Conferencia.

Pastoral Relationships, Part 1

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says a great truth about events: "There is a time for everything." With this true statement we could think of the times, for example, times to sow and to harvest, times of peace and war, times of pressure and peacefulness, times of plenty and shortage. As ministers, we are familiar with the following terms: fight and peace, calm and pressure, slowly and quickly, light and heavy. As leaders in God's work, we go in times of great pressure and challenge, which we should not cross without being accompanied.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 also says, "Two are better than one...." This statement makes much sense if we study it in the light of our pastoral relationships. For many reasons, ministers need one another and urge that somebody look out for our lives and for our families. At the same time that we shepherd, we also need to be shepherded.

Take the passage of Exodus 17:8-12, and you will learn as we observe the relationship among Moses, Hur, and Aaron in that very particular moment. The principles we observe in here are principles of pastoral unity and ministerial mutual support, which will help us in our relationships with other ministers in the same location where we are working and also with the leaders of the same denomination or ministry where we are serving the Lord.

Remember that there was war, the Amalekites against Israel. The Israelite army directed by Joshua conquered the Amalekites in answer to the prayer represented by the upraised hands of Moses.

Although this war was a real fact, we learn that as ministers, we should develop the ability to observe and discern in order to know the moment which is passing for the people of God and take concrete actions in order to face those moments with the appropriate resources that God has given us in order to use in attending to His people.

Proverbs 27:23 exhorts us, "Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds...." Discerning the moment which is passing for the people of God, corporately as much as individually, will help us know what to do and the kind of help needed in that precise situation, like those of the tribe of Issachar (1 Chronicles 12:32): "... men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do..." In the same way, ministers should develop the ability to know the moment which is passing for the church and establish the way that they need to take.

In the war of Amalekites against Israel, Moses discerned the situation, and as I said before, this situation didn't require much effort in order to know what was happening, since the occasion was looked at with wide clarity. Exodus says (17:8), "The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim." Looking at the action of Moses could show the following:

- Moses made a plan
- He took concrete and quick action in this respect: "Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top on the hill ...'" (Exodus 17:9).

In the same way, in facing the situations of God's people, we should do something on any occasion, using the appropriate resources and acting at the appropriate time.

What we see here is a leader in action; Moses is in motion regarding the situation. Joshua did all he was told to do by Moses, and then Moses got on the top of the hill, but also Hur and Aaron went up with Moses, and here is where I wanted to arrive.

Hur was an Israelite of whom not much is said in this passage, and Aaron was the older brother of Moses; the two were willing and came to an agreement, and they united with Moses in that great moment of battle. As I said at the beginning of this comment, there are several lessons we need to observe and apply in our relationships as ministers, and here is where I begin to share some of them:

1. Both Hur and Aaron observed Moses' determination, but also his needs. We as ministers should be willing to observe and admire the virtues, progress, and victories of other ministers, celebrating them and praising them, but at the same time, we should look further. I refer to the reality that we are fragile, we depend on the Lord, and we have needs.
   a. As pastors and leaders, we need to have the will to observe the needs of other leaders and find a way to support them and supplement one another mutually.
   b. Hur and Aaron saw the needs of Moses and gave him help.
2. The second thing I observe here is that Moses was willing to accept the help, the company, and the effort of Hur and Aaron. He was willing to accept their companionship. It's sad to see ministers who are isolated from other leaders and companions in ministry, who walk a solitary way, not knowing the danger that this bears. With good reason, Ecclesiastes says, "If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" (Ecclesiastes 4:10)

Many ministers isolate themselves from others because of their own fears, personal problems, and lack of self-esteem; they are also comparing themselves with their companions in ministry, hiding their own deficiencies.

Ministers in the same city, area, or denomination should be united and propitiate the moment in order to approach one another without fears and with all humility and simplicity.

Philippians 2:15 says, "...so that you may become blameless and pure..." The Spanish version uses the word "simple," a word that comes from the Greek *akeraios*, which means "without mixture, exempt of strange materials, pure." It is used in the N.T. of what is without falseness, what is sincere. So we ministers should approach one other with simplicity of heart, with all sincerity, looking for the unity that gives us support and strength while we carry out the difficult task of directing the people of God.

Special Information

1. We greet and congratulate the pastors Arnoldo and his wife Marcela Santibañez for their beautiful new baby, Emanuel Santibañez Castañeda, who was born on May 12. He weighed 7 pounds and half and is beautiful. Pray that God blesses them in their privileged task of being parents again. They are pastor of the church in Creswell.

2. We are requesting your prayers for the General Conference of our church that will be in Oklahoma City, July 26-29. Pray that God directs all things in that important conference.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Recently Brother Luis Avila and I visited with Rev. Henry Cantarero in Clinton. We were meeting with him to discuss his "house-church" that needed a building to worship in because the home in which he was worshiping was too small. His normal and constantly growing congregation is 35 strong, with highs of up to 80 on special occasions. He expressed to us the need to have a larger and more convenient location. I asked him to give a brief testimony of the birthing of this church.

Springs of Revival Pentecostal Holiness Church

Pastor Cantarero

Every true work of God begins with a vision planted in an individual heart. I received this vision during a time of meditation with God while in Honduras, my home country. During those days, God gave me words of encouragement, confirmation, and direction as to the birthing of a church in America. I received and believed the words of the Lord, along with my wife and Pastor Melvin Castro, who encouraged me during this process. I spent much time in prayer seeking the face of God as to what He wanted me to do and how to go about planting a church in America. God gave me faith to step out and start the process; all He requires is a willing and obedient servant. In 2003, I came to the city of Clinton, N.C., and there made contact with Enrique and Vilma Coello, who brought us to their home, and we started to have meetings. I had already made acquaintance with Pastors Jaime Fuentes, Idelfonso Vargas, and Luis Avila, who encouraged me and gave me contact with the IPHC and told me how to go about becoming a part of them in order to receive credentials. We had begun a work in Jacksonville, N.C.; however, I felt God's call to be in Clinton, and so we came to Clinton and started the work in December 2004. We named the church ***"Springs of Revival."*** Immediately, God confirmed His favor, and the work began to grow. We continued the work in the home of Alonzo and Rita Hernandez. Some of the first people, along with those already named, were Oscar, Omar, Esmeralda, and Elena, and then Armando, Norma, and Manuel. Soon, my family arrived to join me from Honduras. We officially started the work on December 9, 2004, and are proud to be a part of the IPHC. We now have a strong and consistent group of 35 people (members), and it is increasing, and on special occasions, we have had up to 80 people. Though God is blessing, we need to move to a larger structure in order to receive more people and expand the kingdom of God. Help us to pray that God will open the door to a larger facility.

To God be the glory – *Pastor Henry M. Cantarero*

Isaiah 58:11 – "The Lord will guide you always"

Caminando de la mano del Dios viviente.

Las promesas del Señor, mías son; En la Biblia yo las leo y sé que, las promesas del Señor, mías son.

Jehova te pastoreará siempre. Isaias 58:11

Toda obra de Dios y avivamiento en el Señor comienza con una vision. Esta fué recibida en un campamento de Retiro Espiritual "Camino al Cielo" en Honduras donde el Señor nos dió palabras de confirmación y aliento para retomar el reto en este país. Creyendo al llamado del Señor Jesucristo, contamos con apoyo mi esposa y el respaldo espiritual del Pastor Melvin Castro.

Entre rodillas, peticiones, lágrimas y el susurrar de una oración mientras enfrentas lo desconocido, lo inesperado del plan de Dios en tu vida, diciéndote a tí mismo "Señor cual es el lugar donde tu me quieres sirviéndote". La fé no se preocupa de la totalidad del viaje, con un paso basta todo lo que necesitas es dejar que el Señor te tome de la mano y des tu primer paso. Hace dos años y medio (2003) con mi hijo Herry Jr. conocimos la ciudad de Clinton atravez de los Hnos. Enrrique y Vilma Coello los cuales nos ofrecieron su propio hogar para comenzar la obra de Dios. Cuando ya estábamos listos para comenzar, Dios nos permite conocer a los pastores Jaime Fuentes, Idelfonzo Vargas y Luis Avila ellos me orientaron para unirme a la conferencia IPHC. Comenzamos trabajos de aperture en Jacksonville NC recibiendo el apoyo de algunos hermanos de Clinton, por esos misterios del Señor me continuaba llevando a Clinton y nos abrió las puertas del hogar del Hno. Alonzo y Rita Hernández, el hermano nos propuso comenzar la obra en su propia casa.

Oramos y pusimos todo en manos del Señor; fué así que comenzó **La Iglesia "Manantial de Avivamiento"**

con el apoyo de los hermanos: Oscar, Omar, Esmeralda y Elena uniendose luego Armando, Norma y Manuel. Luego llegó mi familia de Honduras, dejamos de ser un grupo de crecimiento y por fé comenzamos los servicios el 9 de Diciembre 2004. Ahora contamos con la bendición de una congregación de 35 hermanos y los sábados hasta 80 personas.

Actualmente seguimos en un hogar; orando para que Dios nos supla de un tempo o lugar adecuado para alabarle y glorificarle.

MISSION M25

OUR CHURCH IN MINISTRY TO OUR COMMUNITY

"Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was Me — you did it to Me." –Jesus (Matthew 25:40, *The MESSAGE*)

COME BE WITH US AT OUR NEXT MEETING!

It will be held on Saturday, July 23, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, at the Capital Pentecostal Holiness Church. The church is located at 1308 Highway 70 West in Garner, N.C. At this meeting, we will be sharing the following:

"HOW OUR CHURCH CAN MINISTER IN JAILS AND PRISONS"

Rev. Fay Page attends the Peniel Church. She will be leading this "how to" session about ministry behind bars. If you are interested in sharing a jail or prison ministry, don't miss this opportunity.

"HOW OUR CHURCH CAN MINISTER TO EX-INMATES"

The primary session of the day will be led by Ms. Janice Schoew. Janice attends the Capital Church and serves as a member of the steering committee for the Transition Aftercare Network (TAN). This is a ministry of the N.C. Division of Prisons. TAN is a statewide network of volunteers and churches that the Lord has called to assist former inmates in their transition back into their families, communities, and the workforce. The goal of TAN is to have a trained mentor team in every county of N.C. Hopefully, a person who has been helped by this ministry will speak.

Very often, people find the Lord while behind bars but do not have a good church home to embrace them when they are released. This is a great spiritual need in our communities and a great ministry opportunity. **Please pray about you and your Church becoming involved in this ministry**. It is a great way to reach for Christ these families who have no church home.

"HOW OUR CHURCH CAN MINISTER TO PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTIONS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE"

Rev. Dwight Dunning pastors the Bizzell Grove Church. He is a licensed professional counselor, and works with the Goldsboro Counseling Center. Do you know someone in your church or your community who has suffered from addiction? Dwight will be sharing ways that we can offer ministry and help. Don't miss this opportunity.

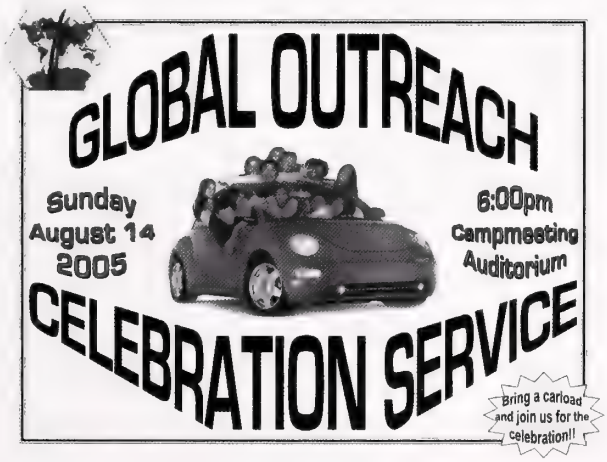
"MINISTRY UPDATE — THE MINISTRY OF EBENEZER CHURCH AT CALEDONIA CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION"

Rev. Matt McAuley attends the Ebenezer Church and ministers at Caledonia Prison. This is one of the oldest prisons in the state, and has always been known to house some of the state's most difficult inmates. We thank God for this ministry. Come and be blessed by this praise report.

OUR LAST MEETING ... was awesome!

We met on April 30 at the Greenville First Church. Most of the people there were *bikers!* Mr. Earl Haddock led the main session about biker ministry. Earl attends the Family Life Tabernacle Church and serves as a regional representative of the Christian Motorcycle Association. Rev. Dave Thompson shared with us concerning his ministry to people caught up in addictions. Mr. George Benton (Baywood Church) shared with us what God is doing in the Cumberland County Jail. Mr. Sam Jones (Kinston First Church) talked to us about ministry to homeless and hungry people.

For more information, please call: Rev. Steve Enloe (Conference Point Man – Mission M25) at 910-425-7474.



INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

I want to start out by saying how excited I am about the future of the IPHC. The youth of the N.C. Conference truly blessed the CEM board members and me during conference finals. I want to thank all the youth leaders, pastors, and parents who have sacrificed a lot of time in working with our youth. We will be represented well at the National Fine Arts Festival in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 21-23, 2005. Please continue to encourage our youth to minister in our churches and community.

District	Church	First Name	Last Name	Name of Group	Division Code	Competition Code	Score
Raleigh	The Capital	Lauren	Hitchings		A	1.1*	256
Fayetteville	Mount Carmel	Stone	Carter		A	1.2*	272
Fayetteville	Mount Carmel			Mount Carmel Jr. Quartet	A	3.1	245
Wilmington	Grace Harbor Church			Praiz-R-Us	A	3.2	259
Fayetteville	Mount Carmel	Mary Cate	Duffy		A	4.1*	239
Wilmington	Gateway	Lauryn	Coble		A	4.2*	241
Lumberton	Saint Pauls	Joshua	Clegg		A	4.4*	237
Fayetteville	Mount Carmel	Stone	Carter		A	4.5*	258
Fayetteville	Northwood Temple	Susan	Gleaves		A	4.6*	281
Raleigh	The Capital	Hailey	McCulloch		A	6.1*	271
Wilmington	Grace Harbor Church			Kristin Tew and Breann Priebe	A	6.10	273
Fayetteville	Baywood	Maddison	Averitte		A	6.11*	268
Raleigh	The Capital			Capital Church Jr. Praise Dancers	A	6.12	275
Lumberton	Saint Pauls	Billy Ray	Maitland		A	6.2*	263
Raleigh	The Capital	Victoria	Oliver		A	6.3*	279
Raleigh	The Capital			Capital Church Jr. Drama Team	A	6.4	273
Fayetteville	Hope Mills	Chynna	Britt		A	6.5*	241
Wilmington	Gateway	Kaitlyn	Gaster		A	6.7*	260
Raleigh	The Capital			Capital Church Jr. Drama Team	A	6.8	276
Fayetteville	Baywood	Maddison	Averitte		A	6.9*	259
Raleigh	Benson	Melissa	Williams		A	7.1*	253
Fayetteville	Stedman	Jackson	Phipps		A	7.2*	279
Wilmington	Gateway	Kaitlyn	Gaster		A	7.3*	256
Fayetteville	Culbreth Memorial	Trevor	Clowers		A	7.4*	275
Wilson	Wilson First	David	Johnson		A	7.5*	275
Wilson	Wilson First	Kaitlyn	Ray		A	8.1*	241
Lumberton	Lumberton First	Justin	Long		A	8.2*	286
Goldsboro	Whitley	Kayla	Hill		A	8.3*	265
Wilmington	Wilmington First	Buddy	Ashley		A	9.1	213
Raleigh	The Capital			Deep Six	B	2.2	246

Fayetteville	Baywood			Baywood Trio	B	3.1	283
Fayetteville	Stedman			Storm Proof Youth Ensemble	B	3.2	276
Raleigh	The Capital			Capital Church Youth Choir	B	3.3	284
New Bern	Holly Hill			Holly Hill Duet	B	5.1	282
New Bern	Holly Hill			Holly Hill Praise Band	B	5.2	286
Fayetteville	Stedman			Dramatic Expressions of Worship	B	6.10	276
Wilmington	Gateway			Lauryn Young and Katie Johnson	B	6.4	281
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Fayetteville	Baywood	Miles	Devane		D	4.5*	264
Clinton	Gospel Tabernacle	Aaron	McCauley		D	4.6*	270
New Bern	Holly Hill	Emily	Jamieson		D	6.1*	264
Clinton	Gospel Tabernacle	Laura	McInnis		D	6.11*	257
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Wilmington	Gateway	Katie	Johnson		D	6.3*	281
Raleigh	Benson	Julieanne	Hollister		D	6.5*	276
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Sunday, August 7

6.00 p.m.	Tony Miller

Monday, August 8

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	John Parker*
11:00 a.m.	Tony Miller
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Tony Miller

Tuesday, August 9

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Jonathan Griffin*
11:00 a.m.	Tony Miller
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Tony Miller

Wednesday, August 10

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Fernando Angulo*
11:00 a.m.	Jimmy Whitfield
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Leroy Baker

Thursday, August 11

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Tim Bowen*
11:00 a.m.	Jimmy Whitfield
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Leroy Baker

Friday, August 12

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Janice Marshburn*
11:00 a.m.	Jimmy Whifield
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Leroy Baker

Saturday, August 13

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Leroy Baker*
10:45 a.m.	MWF Meeting – Mrs. Jean Williams
11:00 a.m.	Jimmy Whitfield
12:30 p.m.	Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m.	Archives Center Dedication
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Youth Emphasis
	Director: Charles Boyd
	Message: Warren Beemer

Sunday, August 14

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Teacher: Grady Taylor	
11:00 a.m.	Bishop James D. Leggett
12.30 p.m.	Lunch
5:00 p.m.	New Building Dedication
6:00 p.m.	World Evangelism Emphasis
	Director: Danny Nelson
	Message: Leroy Baker

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"...IF YOU HAVE FAITH AS SMALL AS A MUSTARD SEED, YOU CAN SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'MOVE FROM HERE TO THERE' AND IT WILL MOVE.

NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU." (MATTHEW 17:20, NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

The Need for Theological and Doctrinal Preaching and Teaching in the 21st-Century Church

I travel to different churches every week. Most weeks, I will touch or visit at least three of our churches. Most weeks, I visit more.

It is becoming more and more apparent to me that we need, as leaders and Christian teachers, to refocus on biblical doctrine and theology. Recently, I met with a pulpit committee in one of our churches. One of the members had been a deacon and church leader for years. He was a lover of biblical truth and an avid Bible reader. He was, however, very weak in Pentecostal biblical doctrine.

The new School of Ministry at Falcon is doing great. The classes are averaging over 60 present each session. Nearly 90 are registered as participants. The students are great, but come to us with a weakness in basic biblical doctrine/theology. They hunger for more theology. They hunger for more of God and more of His truth.

Preachers should reemphasize biblical doctrines and basic theology in their preaching. Sunday school teachers and other teachers should teach more systematic theology.

Doctrine and theology are so important. Without a basic belief and understanding in the doctrines of the Scripture, Christians would be "... carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:14).

Doctrine and theology are not boring. Preachers and teachers may be, but not theology. Dr. A.D. Beacham Jr., in his *Light for the Journey*, gives us these words: "Theology is God doing 'God talk' to us. Taken from the Word of God, the Bible, theology tells us the truth about our sinful condition, God's divine remedy in Jesus Christ, and the glory of God's love and righteousness. The practice of the early church is instructive. Almost all apostolic letters began with theology and then made practical application of divine truth to local situations. The same is true for the effective church in century 21. It will be a church whose theology is biblically based, communicated clearly, and applied with integrity and love." I agree completely.

Often I have heard individuals say, in speaking of the Pentecostal baptism of the Spirit, "Come forward and receive the Spirit." Such speaking is incorrect. A Christian receives the Holy Spirit in conversion. Even before conversion, there is the working of the Holy Spirit in God's prevenient grace. This is not the fullness of the Spirit, nor is it the Pentecostal Baptism. We need to be as correct as possible in our statements. They should be doctrinally sound.

Doctrine is nothing more than teaching. It is what we believe, and we all have beliefs! What one believes is what and who he is. To believe right biblical doctrine removes confusion, brings moral stability, and gives oneness to believers.

One should read and study the basic doctrines of the church. Martin Luther said, "To pray well is to study well." Don't be dismayed if it seems there are enough books on doctrinal subjects. To put it in the words of Daniel Steele, "The light grain will drift off into the chaff, while the full corn will drop into the bushel and feed the famishing. It takes many men to explore a continent, many pens to portray the unsearchable riches of Christ...."

Dr. Herbert Carter of the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist is a dear friend and a great biblical scholar. Please note his words: "The problem with many writers on religious subjects is that they do not get their views from the Bible. They develop a theory from their own notions, or from human traditions, then go to the Bible to obtain support for it. Thus, they would exalt themselves, their reasonings, and theories above the teachings of God. Revelation transcends reason and presents truths that are divine. The task of human reason, then, with reference to the truths of revelation, is simply to ascertain what God has taught." All true doctrine comes from the Bible.

The IPHC doctrine is sound. The church's doctrinal base is in the Scriptures. Our children need to know and be taught these truths. God does deliver from sin. He is a sovereign and triune God. He sent His son that every man may have life and life more abundant. Men do not have to be controlled by sin and sinning. They can be sanctified – set apart, freed from sin, and joined to God. They can grow in likeness to God. They can be filled with and baptized with the fullness of the Holy Spirit. God still does miracles. He can and does heal. He does deliver. He does provide. And remember: He is coming again to receive His children unto Himself.

I agree with Dr. Beacham: "The renewal of the church rests upon two foundations. The first is the renewal of faith, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that enables us to say that Jesus is the Christ, that enables us to experience the Bible as the Word of God that makes us sensitive to the activity of God in nature and in history. The second foundation is the act of remembering and recovering our identity and persuasively proclaiming it in the life of the church." I believe that each of our preachers and churches should often go through a refresher course on basic biblical doctrine and theology. Certainly our children, teens, and new converts should be taught carefully the basic principles of God's Word.

Our own publishing house has some excellent teaching materials. We have had and do have some excellent authors. Every IPHC Christian should study through *Light for the Journey: A Fresh Focus on Doctrine* by Dr. A.D. Beacham Jr. Many other books and authors are available. This particular book and teacher's guide provides an excellent study on our 14 Articles of Faith.

Give LifeSprings a call (1-800-541-1376) and get started! And above all, read and teach the Book!

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering; for He who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23, NKJV). "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17, NKJV).

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Reverend Mary Ruth Heath

January 5, 1920 – April 15, 2005

Sister Ruth Heath died at Bethesda Health Care Facility in Fayetteville, North Carolina. She was born in 1920 in Pender County. Mrs. Heath was the daughter of the late William Alexander and Lessie Laura Rivenbark Heath. She is survived by a sister, Wilma Brown of Willard, and a brother, Carl Heath of Willard. She is also survived by her niece, Reverend Yvonne Wagner, missionary to Africa, and family.

Ruth Heath was converted at the age of 14 in Pender County. She began ministry at the age of 20 when she entered Holmes Bible College, Greenville, South Carolina, in 1940. She remained at Holmes for 12 years. She graduated during that time and taught as an instructor. She was dean of girls for a number of years. During this time, she also graduated from Furman University.

Reverend Ms. Heath joined the North Carolina Conference on August 28, 1948. She assisted in pastoring five churches. These were Warsaw, Hollands Chapel, Mount Olive in Mount Olive, Tyndall Grove, and Stedman. She worked at Falcon Children's Home for three years. For 20 years she worked faithfully in vacation Bible schools.

In addition to her church work, Sister Heath worked for 30 years in the Cumberland County School system. She served as teacher, principal, and administrator. She was a principal for 12 years.

Her celebration service was held on Sunday afternoon, April 17, 2005, at the Peniel Church in Roseboro, North Carolina. It was a great service. Pastor Jeff Bartlett, Superintendent Chris Thompson, Reverend Jim Brinkley, and Pastor Randall Strickland spoke. Special music was provided by the church, her great-niece, Beth Vick, and various family members. Interment was in the Roseboro family cemetery.

It was my privilege to pastor Ruth Heath in the late 1970s for six years. She was very supportive to me and the family. She and her dear friend, Harriet Hales, were a great blessing to the church, Peniel Pentecostal Holiness Church. Her friendship and support remained strong up to the time of her death. All through her life she said, "Yes, Lord," in obedience.

She is not lost to us. She is in heaven. She will be remembered in love.

—D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent
North Carolina Conference of the International
Pentecostal Holiness Church

Reverend Mrs. Lida Mae Hales Rogers

December 1, 1925 – April 19, 2005

Lida Mae Hales Rogers was born December 1, 1925, in Johnston County, North Carolina, the daughter of William Henry and Nempie Hales. She graduated from Glendale High School in 1944 and married Tommie Hubert Rogers on October 11, 1944. She is survived by five children: Donnie E. Rogers and wife, Gwen, of Princeton, North Carolina; Benjamin (Ben) Rogers and wife, Betty, of Wilson, North Carolina; Candace R. Singleton and husband, Wade, of Lillington, North Carolina; LaRue R. Tart and husband, John Tart II, of Grantham, North Carolina; and Will Rogers and wife, Sherry, of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Granny Rogers was very proud of her 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, and 15 step-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Linwood Hales of Pine Level. Lida Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Tommie Hubert Rogers; mother, Nempie Sullivan Hales; father, William Henry Hales; brothers, Condary Hales and William Arthur Hales; and sister, Helen Hales Balance.

Lida Mae was a licensed mission worker with the Pentecostal Holiness Church Conference. She was a member of Bizzell Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church, Princeton. Among other things, Lida served as Sunday school teacher, Women's Ministries president and vice president, full-time pastor, and fill-in pastor for various churches over the years. She pastored the Micro and Selma Pentecostal Holiness Churches. She held home prayer meetings and revivals in many areas of the Pentecostal Holiness Conference, and was a speaker at Women's Ministries and numerous outreaches. She lived in Princeton most of her life before moving to Lillington two years ago for health reasons. She was a retired homemaker as well as a talented seamstress for family and the public for many years.

Lida Mae and Hubert Rogers originated the Sunday School Extension Outreach at the Smithfield Manor in 1976, and it is still an ongoing missions work through Bizzell Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church. Lida Mae was a living example of God's glory, with a pure heart filled with His grace. She was the light in the darkness of those who knew her, forever leaving a piece of her heart in their memories. To God be the glory, honor, and praise!

She was an avid writer and blessed many with her poems. For several years, she published a monthly newsletter entitled *Silver Threads*. Through her words and writings, she encouraged many.

Lida Mae passed away on April 19, 2005, at Good Hope Hospital, Erwin, North Carolina. The celebration service was held at Parrish Funeral Home, Princeton, North Carolina, on Friday, April 22, 2005. Several ministers participated – Pastor Dwight Dunning, Reverend Steve Smith, Superintendent Chris Thompson, Reverend Elwood Long, and Reverend L. B. Collins. She will be long remembered.

–D. Chris Thompson
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Book Reviews

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Never Blink in a Hailstorm and Other Lessons on Leadership

by David L. McKenna.
Grand Rapids: Baker Books. 142 pages.

While many authors may have saturated the market on the subject of leadership, there is something to say for the styles and differences of successful leaders that may be useful to those who aspire to become better leaders. What works in Alabama may not work here in North Carolina, although timeless and transcultural leadership principles remain the same worldwide. The fact is, especially in terms of approaches and methodologies, we are not all the same. McKenna's style of leadership may not revolutionize your leadership style, but his experiences and time-tested insights as a leader underscore the need for all leaders to learn as much as they can about this evolving issue of leadership. Since the demands and challenges of leadership in the 21st century necessitate lifelong learning from a variety of helpful sources, this book deserves a hearing.

Effective leadership requires discipline. It also requires knowing the right rules. The leader should be known by what he will and will not do. There are boundaries and restrictions for the purpose of maintaining the right to lead, including the power to lead. McKenna presents 12 maxims that make a lot of sense. For example, he advocates that the leader should never expect thanks for what he or she does. Why? It frees us from an overdependence upon affirmation and leads to self-worth in relation to the divine call. If you as a leader look for thanks and appreciation for all that you do, then get ready to be disappointed, or get ready to labor as a leader for all the wrong reasons, resulting in a weightier and perhaps paralyzing disappointment. Sometimes "thank you" may not come from followers or parishioners until a full generation has passed. Sometimes "thank you" may not come in this life. Real leaders do not labor for thanks. The high calling of Christian leadership calls for a pure motivation. When it comes to leading people, it is imperative to nail down early on why you do what do. Doing for wrong or selfish reasons leads to frustration and eventually failure.

Another maxim is "never build without a balcony." This lesson would have been helpful 30 years ago. When confronted by a person who is making angry and unrealistic demands, there are five challenges to consider: (1) We must control our own behavior by refusing to react. This is calm in the midst of the storm. (2) We must defuse the negative emotions of our opponent and disarm him. This is like putting water on the lit fuse. (3) We must change the game by finding ways to explore the interests of both parties. This is finding common ground. (4) We need to help our opponent save face and make it easy to say yes. Guard the feelings and the reputation. One of the healthiest ways to get rid of an enemy is to turn him into a friend. (5) We need to exercise our negotiating strength and make it hard for the opponent to say no. Going to the balcony is the right thing to do. Of course, timing is crucial. The Lord Jesus often went to the mountain and prayed. From His perspective up on the mountain, when He came down the mountain and spoke, it was worth giving earnest heed. Get a new perspective on the issue, concern, or problem. See it from all angles. The main thing is to refuse to make the fatal error of making a reactive decision on the spot. Never build without a balcony!

These two maxims spoke to my heart, but the others are just as good, such as never play God, never blink in a hailstorm, never go solo, never steal a paper clip, never swallow perfume, never waste an interruption, never die from failure, never hide behind a gas mask, never sniff at symbols, and never ride a pendulum. By the way, never blink in a hailstorm relates to loneliness in leadership. President Lyndon Johnson said that being a leader was often like being a donkey in a Texas hailstorm: "You just have to stand there, close your eyes, and take it." Every leader knows what he means. The loneliness of decision-making and confidentiality go with the territory.

I heartily and enthusiastically recommend this publication. Not only will it make for some delightful reading; you just may pick up a helpful statement or two.

The Top Ten Mistakes Leaders Make

by Hans Finzel. Colorado Springs, Colorado: Cook Communication Ministries. 200 pages.

If you decide to purchase this book, get ready for some cerebral exercise because it will make you think and rethink some key leadership issues. How does one lead effectively? How does one lead effectively where he is assigned or called to lead? Not all leadership situations are the same. Poor leadership can maintain the status quo or make a situation worse, while good leadership can make it better. How does one define and measure "better"? Poor leadership habits tend to perpetuate poor leaders. Let us learn from the mistakes of others and from the past.

The author describes the ten most common leadership mistakes: (1) the top-down attitude; (2) dirty delegation; (3) putting paperwork before people work; (4) communication chaos; (5) the absence of affirmation; (6) missing the culture clues (Church culture is a powerful force. Good leaders understand the power of culture); (7) no room for mavericks; (8) success without

successors; (9) dictatorship in decision-making; and (10) failure to focus on the future. As the reader reads and studies these issues, he or she may have a personal awakening, seeing him- or herself reflected in a different light or in ways perhaps never seen before, revealing strengths and weaknesses, but more importantly, areas that need attention and change.

Finzel writes, "In the ministry of leadership, people must take priority over paper and production. Yes, we may tend toward one style because of our personalities. But no, we are not to use that as an excuse to ignore and avoid people. Isn't it funny that we have to remind ourselves that the goal of all ministry is people!" Take away our people, and all we have are church buildings where grass, weeds, cockroaches, spiders, and the like can take over. But take away our church buildings, and we still have the people, who in time may be able to build even better church buildings. People are the fabric of ministry without which there would be no ministry. The measure of ministry, in part, is what we have done with the people, saved or lost.

The author seems to integrate well the insights and lessons from other authors on leadership, such as John Maxwell and Bobby Clinton. Some of what is provided is replicated in other works. It seems almost everyone agrees that at the heart of leadership is influencing people. Finzel seeks to tailor the material for business and at the same time make it adaptable to church ministry. Useful quotes, practical statements, instructive charts, research sources, and biblical examples fill the volume.

Six Battles Every Man Must Win

by Bill Perkins. Wheaton, Illinois:
Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. 143 pages.

Perkins, a frequent speaker at Promise Keepers rallies, author, and teaching pastor, seems to have written this to help men get real. What is a real man? How does a real man fight spiritual battles? A real man admits his heart is a battleground, with Satan and God opposing each other over his heart, and he, the man, becomes the deciding factor in victory or defeat. A man's mind is a battleground too. His mind will either go to God by design, or it will go to the devil by default. The battle for the heart begins first with the battle of the mind. As a man thinketh, so is he. Isn't it true that what a man values the most determines what he is willing to stand up for? In light of the times, the church – and the world, for that matter – can ill afford to have weak-willed men skimpy on manhood and lacking in moral and spiritual integrity. Whose voice will the real man hear: the voice of a drugged, disillusioned, and destructive culture, consumerism, and convenience, or the voice of God?

One would think that as a Christian, a man would have no problem in living out his God-given purpose in life. But there is much out there in the world to bring a real man down. That's why it is important to get real and seek real help for real problems. Using David's mighty men as a backdrop, Perkins writes, "As warriors, we must realize that we cannot win the battle for our heart alone. We need other men, and other men need us." This publication serves as one source to cause a real man to think, pray, and get on the right track. Like a bloodhound on a specific scent, unwilling to be distracted by other scents, a real man must remain true to fulfilling his God-given purpose.

The six battles addressed are as follows: (1) Fight for your own identity: warriors derive their identity from God; (2) Fight for personal holiness: warriors possess God's holiness and seek to express it; (3) Fight for your family: warriors work to be a blessing to their families; (4) Fight through pain: warriors endure hardship because they've trained for battle; (5) Fight for your friends: warriors are accountable to others and never leave a friend behind; (6) Fight for a strong faith: warriors rely on God's power, not their own. The author concludes the book with a number of faith builders designed to encourage and exhort others to be the man that glorifies God in all things. Happy Reading!

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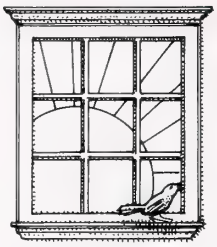

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matt. 6:25, 26)

Dear Women of God,

Several weeks ago, I had returned home from the Women's Ministries Convention in Falcon and decided to sit out on the patio with "Mr. Henry." As we were relaxing, I noticed a bird sitting on the fence with a worm in her mouth. Henry shared with me that she had a nest in our hanging flower basket. Apparently, she had a direct flight from the fence to her nest, but we interrupted her plans. I watched her go from the fence, around the tree and come up on the backside to get to her nest. In other words, "she went around her elbow to get to her thumb."

The Lord placed a nugget in my heart as I watched that mama bird take care of her babies. How much more does the Lord want us to trust Him to take care of us? We need to practice putting our trust in the Lord, and when we do, we will find a new confidence that He will be faithful to us. The more we trust, the more we are convinced that our trust is well placed. The key to trust is to try. Try putting your faith in the Lord, and watch wonderful things happen.

By the way, we kept our eyes on the nest, and we could hear the babies chirping away; and then, not too many days ago, the chirping stopped, and the birds had taken flight. What an awesome God we serve! He cares about everything: you, me, and the birds of the air.

May the Lord continue to bless you as you draw closer to Him.

In His Love,

"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- To get rid of itch from mosquito bites, try applying soap on the area, and you will experience instant relief.
- Spray a bit of perfume on the light bulb in any room to create a lovely light scent in each room when the light is turned on.
- Keep your salad crisp – leftover salad can get limp from the moisture that accumulates in the lid of the container in which it's stored. To keep it crisp, put a paper towel in the container before sealing it to absorb moisture.

2005 Fall District Conference Schedule

• **Clinton District:**	**Monday, August 29 @ Clinton First**
• **Fayetteville District:**	**Monday, September 26 @ Northwood Temple**
• **Goldsboro District:**	**Tuesday, September 27 @ Manley Grove**
• **Greenville District:**	**Thursday, September 22 @ Greenville First**
• **Lumberton District:**	**Tuesday, September 6 @ Calvary**
• **Morehead City District:**	**Tuesday, September 20 @ Smyrna**
• **New Bern District:**	**Tuesday, August 30 @ Bridgeton**
• **Raleigh District:**	**Thursday, September 15 @ Genesis**
• **Rocky Mt. District:**	**Tuesday, September 13 @ Living Faith Fellowship**
• **Williamston District:**	**Tuesday, September 12 @ Williamston First**
• **Wilmington District:**	**Thursday, September 1 @ Wallace**
• **Wilson District:**	**Thursday, September 8 @ Snow Hill**

FEAST OF INGATHERING OFFERINGS will be received at these meetings. Please mark your calendar now to attend the workshop planned for Women's Ministries in your area. We would like for every church in every district to participate and to give an offering to our church schools.

SHARING SISTERS HOST A PICNIC

Recently, the Grimesland PH Women's Ministries hosted their former Sharing Sisters, The Family Life Tabernacle Women's Ministries. The event was held in the Grimesland Church fellowship hall and was decorated with a picnic theme, even down to the ants (plastic ones) on the cloths and tables. A delicious and beautiful array of food adorned the tables. Dot Lassiter, WM director for Grimesland PH Church, welcomed everyone to the Outdoor Picnic (held inside). Praise and worship followed.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Yvonne Jones, Greenville District WM director. She spoke on "What's My Purpose in Life?" using a hammer and toolbox as an illustration. She compared the different types of hammers to individual personalities. Afterwards, each lady received a beautifully decorated hammer, along with some other gifts. The Grimesland WM met prior to the gathering to decorate and design each hammer. Mrs. Brenda Hulslander used her creativity to decorate and to make the special presentation gifts. What a delightful time everyone had at the Sharing Sister picnic! A picnic held outdoors could not have been any better!

Sharing Sisters are all smiles!

Who could resist this table of food prepared by the Grimesland WM?

Dot Letchworth, Yvonne Jones, and Dot Lassiter proudly display their hammers.

Brenda Hulslander presents gifts to the WM directors.

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

Keep the Ax Sharp

Winter has come and gone again. With early spring being cold and wet, many of us are late getting our yards ready for summer. Everyone who has flowerbeds, shrubs, or garden plots knows this routine. Grass, weeds, and dead flowers have to be removed, new flowers planted, and new mulch added. Shrubs have to be trimmed, and lawns need to be fertilized and treated for weeds.

Our yard is bordered by woods on the north and west side. Every year, I have to cut it back with a bush ax to keep it from taking over the moved lawn. Three years ago, the woods were logged; since then, the new growth of underbrush has been phenomenal.

Last Saturday, I got the bush ax out and began cutting down the west side. In a very short distance, already feeling tired, I stopped for a moment, and thought, *I'm getting too old to use a bush ax, too old to fight this ever-growing woods; it just doesn't seem as important as it used to.* Maybe after this year, I'll just let it take back what I've mowed and kept neat all these years.

Then it came into my spirit, that's the way we are many times as Christians. Satan is forever trying to take what the Lord has given us. When the Lord saves us, as young believers, we have so much energy. We want to tell everyone the good news. We want everyone around us saved. We are on fire for God. Then, with time, we settle into our little comfort zones; with age, the energy level goes down; we get slack in our witnessing; we're not as quick to take the ax to little temptations, such as staying home on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights, looking at TV programs and things on the Internet that poison our souls. Instead of paying our tithes, we take the extra vacation or buy the big-ticket items. Slowly, Satan is eating away at our relationship with Christ, like the woods taking over the lawn.

Many times, we allow this slow process to erode our spirituality into such a weak state that certain situations occur, and we find ourselves overtaken by Satan.

If this article has spoken to your heart, rededicate your life to Christ right now. In these last days, we must keep up the good fight by keeping the ax of our faith sharply ground. Ask forgiveness for indifference, complacency, and a general lack of spiritual energy.

To take back what the enemy has stolen, we must repent, pray daily, read and study the Word, fast, and seek the face of God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

Real men, attend the Men's Advance, September 9 and 10, 2005. There is power and blessing when men worship God together. Don't miss it.

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EFFECTIVE PRAYERS

"This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."
–1 John 5:14

Effective prayer begins with:

- Recognize – God's presence
- Purpose – Building relationship
- Build relationship with – praise, gratitude, honesty, trust, forgiveness, and intimacy
- Motivation – love
- Prayer reflects – relational elements
- Your time with God is relational
- Praise and thanksgiving

Praise and Thanksgiving:

- Open our hearts and cause joy to well up in our spirits
- Are Kingdom Keys
  1. They open the doors to His courts
  2. They allow us to enter into His presence
     Praise – Ps. 100:4; Heb. 10:19; 12:24; Ps. 51:15; 119:164; Jer. 32:17
     Thanksgiving – Jas. 1:17; Prov. 3:6; Ps. 116:12, 17
- As you begin to praise, your spirit rises up within you to increase your understanding of who He is.
- Your soul is strengthened in the process of praise.
- Praise causes faith to grow, and you realize nothing is too difficult for God.

" Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You." (Jer. 32:17)

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name." *(Ps. 100:4)*

The blood of Jesus allows us to walk in the new covenant. *"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus." (Heb. 10:19)*

The Source of praise is the Holy Spirit.

- He activates your spirit.
- He sets in motion your spirit to express approval and adoration for God's greatness.

When you are reading the scriptures, you can find qualities of God, for example:

- His mercy
- His faithfulness
- His patience
- His everlasting love

Praise Him for His character. (Ps. 51:15; 119:164)

Thanksgiving:

- Awakens your love toward God as you acknowledge that you are His child.
- Acknowledges that every good and perfect gift comes from Him. (Jas. 1:17)
- Is a response of joy to His benefits as His heir. (Prov. 3:6; Ps. 116:12,17)

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of light, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." (Jas. 1:17)

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your path straight." (Prov. 3:6)

Please pray for:

- Falcon Camp Meeting – August 7 to 14
- Mission F.E.S.T. – Oct. 13, 14, 15
- Hispanic Convention – Nov. 18, 19
- WIN Prayer Conference – Nov. 5

NC World Intercession Network (prayer ministry of NC IPHC)

We would like every church to participate and join us for prayer at 8:30 a.m. during Camp Meeting at the Octagon Tabernacle 6:30 p.m. prayer room at the Training Center in Falcon.

Prayer is the key that unlocks God's purpose, power and plans. Unlock the future by praying.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Las Relaciones Pastorales, Parte II

Deseo comenzar esta segunda parte del tema en mención, leyendo los versículos de 1 Tesalonicences 5:12 y 1 Timoteo 5:17. El primero dice lo siguiente: "Os rogamos, hermanos, que reconozcáis a los que trabajan entre vosotros, y os presiden en el Señor, y os amonestan; y que los tengáis en mucha estima y amor por causa de su obra..." El otro versículo dice así: "Los ancianos que gobiernan bien, sean tenidos por dignos de doble honor, mayormente los que trabajan en predicar y enseñar."

Deseo darle atención a algunas palabras que son de importancia en cuanto a consideración de los ministros que sirven al Señor. Note las palabras de 1 Tesalonicenses "reconozcais", "que los tengáis en mucha estima" "y amor". También note las palabras de 1 Timoteo "sean tenidos por dignos de doble honor".

Es interesante la exhortación del Señor por medio del apostol Pablo, de la cual estoy seguro que no es sólo para creyentes hacia sus pastores o sus líderes, sino también entre los mismos pastores y siervos de Dios.

Pastores y ministros debemos reconocernos mutuamente; tenernos en mucha estima y amor y tratarnos con gran honor, lo cual no está sucediendo en muchos círculos de líderes y obreros en la obra del Senor en la actualidad. Ahora tratemos de entender el significado de cada una de esas palabras, lo cual hago sólo con el propósito de afectar positivamente nuestra disposición en tratarnos con gran respeto, honra y ética ministerial.

1. *Reconocer:* Su significado es en dos aspectos interesantes.
   a. El primero tiene que ver con estar conciente de esa persona, es decir darse cuenta del valor de esa persona.
   b. El segundo es una relación activa con la persona que reconocemos; es una relación de aprobación con la persona. Es decir nosotros como ministros debemos estar concientes del llamado, la unción y el alto honor que un ministro verdadero tiene y relacionarnos con él en esa manera.
   c. También nos habla de la necesidad de sujetarnos unos a otros y no rechazar la autoridad, tal como lo dice Efesios 5:21 "Someteos unos a otros en el temor del Señor."
2. *Estima:* Es tener por digno, darle honor, de mucho valor, de mucho precio. Ministros debemos tenernos en alta estima, por causa de la unción, el llamado de Dios en nosotros y el trabajo tan importante que estamos haciendo.
3. *Dignos de doble honor:* Con esta expresión surgen dos áreas de apoyo a la vida del ministro: Honor y honorario. Por supuesto el primero tiene que ver con el respeto y la estima, el segundo tiene que ver con la remuneración financiera. Sin embargo lo que deseo resaltar aquí y ahora es la estimación y buen trato que debemos darnos los que somos ministros, entre nosotros mismos.

En el artículo de la revista anterior mencioné algunos aspectos de la vida de Moisés en relación con Hur y Aarón, cuando subieron al monte mientras Josué peleaba la batalla contra Amalec. Llamo su atención a este caso, porque siento que es valioso en cuanto a las enseñanzas que obtenemos de una buena relación entre ministros de Dios. Regrese conmigo al pasaje de la Escritura de Exodo 17:8-16 y observe estas leccione adicionales .

Exodo 17:10 dice, "E hizo Josué como le dijo Moisés, peleando contra Amalec; y Moisés y Aarón y Hur subieron a la cumbre del collado." De este versículo podemos aplicar lo siguiente:

a. Collado simboliza la oración. Esto me recuerda la gran necesidad que tenemos de orar unos con otros y unos por otros. Utilizando la oración privada por otros ministros, pero también la oración presencial.
b. El versículo dice que "subieron". Lo que me muestra un elemento que hace mucha falta entre nosotros y que incluso Jesús lo estableció como un mandato entre nosotros, me refiero a la "unidad". Aquí deseo referirme a la necesidad que tenemos de unidad de propósito y espíritu de amor. No podremos subir al collado, sino estamos en unidad. Con la oración conquistamos. Entonces no podremos conquistar nuestro mundo y hacer frente a nuestros desafios en la ciudad sino estamos unidos en amor, bondad y espíritu.
c. El hecho de que los tres subieron juntos al collado, lo relaciono con el problema del temor que tenemos de que otros ministros nos ganen, superen o sean más eficaces, lo que hace (el temor) que nos alejemos unos de otros, por no querer manifestar algunas de nuestras deficiencias, cuando más bien nos podemos ayudar mutuamente para perfeccionarnos como líderes y ser mas efectivos.
d. Otra cosa que noto en estos tres hombres subiendo juntos al collado, es la necesidad de compañia, tanto en reuniones y actividades formales como informales. Necesitamos de vez en cuando un desayuno, un almuerzo u otros encuentros, tanto para tratar los negocios del Señor, como también para edificar una amistad en muchos otros eventos en los cuales podemos estar juntos.
e. Por ultimo el hecho de subir juntos, me hace recordar la gran necesidad de unirnos, sin hacer alardes; declarando nuestros logros, innovaciones, números o actividades, las que muchas veces están saturadas de arrogancia, en vez de decirlas humildad y usarlas para edificar. No estoy diciendo que no compartamos las bendiciones que Dios nos está dando, lo que quiero decir es que si lo hacemos, debe ser con temor del

Señor. Lo que necesitamos es una unidad sencilla y amorosa en la que nos veamos y relacionemos tal como somos.

Finalmente quiero decir que nos identifiquemos unos con otros y cumplamos lo que dice Gátalas 6:2, "Sobrellevad los unos las cargas de los otros, y cumplid asi la ley de Cristo. Sobre nuestras cargas, pongamos las de otros ministros en la oración, el buen trato y la ayuda que nos podamos brindar.

Felicitaciones

Al pastor Victor Espinoza y su esposa de Wallace, por su nueva y hermosa bebé, Genesis Espinoza, quien nació el 1 de julio, 2005. Peso 7 libras y media y midió 51 cems. Que Dios les colme de ricas bendiciones y les ayude en su labor de ser padres.

Pastoral Relationships, Part II

I want to begin the second part of this topic by reading these verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:12 and 1 Timothy 5:17. The first one says, "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you." The other verse says this: "The elders who direct the affairs, of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."

I would like to give attention to some important words for consideration of ministers who serve the Lord. Notice the words of 1 Thessalonians: "recognize," "that you should have them in great esteem," and "love." Also notice the words of 1 Timothy: "They are worthy of double honor."

The exhortation of the Lord by means of the apostle Paul is interesting; I am sure that it is meant not only for believers toward their pastors or their leaders, but also among the same pastors and servants of God.

Pastors and ministers, we must recognize one another mutually, hold one another in great esteem and love, and treat one another with great honor; this is not happening in many circles of leaders and workers in the work of the Lord today. Now let's try to understand the meaning of each one of these terms, which I examine only with the intention of positively affecting our disposition toward treating one another with great respect, honor, and ministerial ethics.

1. *To recognize*: His meaning has two interesting aspects:
   a. The first one is to recognize and realize the value of the person.
   b. The second one is an active relationship with the person whom we recognize; it is a relationship of approval with the person. In others words, we as ministers must be aware of the calling, the anointing, and the high honor that the true minister has and to relate to them in this way.
   c. Also, it speaks to us about the need to holding oneself under the authority of others and not to reject authority; as Ephesians 5:21 says, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."
2. *Esteem*: It means to hold worthy; to give honor to; to place much value, a high price upon. Ministers, we must hold ourselves in high esteem, because of the anointing, the calling of God in us, and the important work that we are doing.
3. *Worthy of double honor*: With this expression, two areas of support arise in the life of the minister: "honor and honorary." Certainly, the first is seen in the area of respect and esteem; the second is seen in the area of financial remuneration. Nevertheless, what I want to highlight here and now is the mutual esteem and good dealing that we ministers must give among ourselves.

In the article in the previous issue, I mentioned some aspects of Moses' life in relation with Hur and Aaron when they climbed the mount while Joshua was fighting the battle against the Amalekites. I call attention to this case because I feel it is valuable for our education about a good relationship among the ministers of God. Return with me to the passage of Exodus 17:8-16 and observe these additional lessons.

Exodus 17:10 says, "So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the Hill." To this verse we can apply the following lessons:

a. The hill symbolizes prayer. This reminds me of the great need we have to pray with others and for others, using private prayer for other ministers, but also prayer with others.
b. The verse says that they "climbed." This shows me an element that is lacking among us, that Jesus even established as an order between us; I refer to *unity*. Here I want to refer to our need of unity of intention and the spirit of love. We will not be able to rise to the hill, if we are not in unity. With prayer, we conquer. We will not be able to conquer our world and to face to our challenges in the city if we are not joined in love, kindness, and spirit.
c. The fact that the three climbed the hill together I relate to our problem of dreading that other ministers will win over us, overcome, or be more effective than we are. Our dread makes us move away from others, not wanting to demonstrate any of our shortcomings, when we could, rather, help one another mutually to perfect ourselves as leaders and to be more effective.
d. Another thing I notice in these three men climbing together up the hill is the need for company, both in meetings and formal and informal activities. We need occasionally a breakfast, a lunch, or other meeting, as much to treat the business of the Lord as to build friendship in many other events in which we can be united.
e. Finally, the fact of climbing together reminds me of the great need to join together without boasting or declaring our achievements, innovations, numbers, or activities, which often are saturated by arrogance, instead of speaking in humility and building one another up. I am not saying we should not share the blessings God is giving to us; what I want to say is that if we do so, it must be with the fear of Lord and with a simple and affectionate unity in which we see one another and relate to one another as we are.

Finally, I want to say that we should identify with others and should fulfill what Galatians 6:2 says: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ... On our burdens, let's put those of other ministers in prayer, the good dealing, and the help that we could offer ourselves.

Congratulations

To Pastor Espinoza and his wife from Wallace, for the new baby girl who arrived on July 1, 2005. Her name is Genesis Espinoza, and she weighted seven-and-a-half pounds. May God bless them and help them with the privilege to be parents again.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Thank you to every pastor, congregation, local missions director, and every minister for your faithful missions concern and giving, and for making Global Outreach 2005 a great success!

The Challenge to "Mother" Churches

In recent months, I have spent a lot of time in prayer and contemplation over three vital issues in the North Carolina Conference. One is the ***Model Church Strategy*** that is now taking place on a monthly basis at the Whitley Church. The interest and excitement are tremendous as we meet together to gain insight and formation to help revitalize our churches as we reach our communities for Christ. I am impressed and thank God for the level of sacrifice and commitment that the 22 participating churches are showing. I continue to be firmly convinced that 203 churches in this conference can go to the "next level." It does not matter what their attendance level is at the present time; the potential exists for each church to reach more people for Christ with the Gospel. Our priority must be to reach more people and disciple them to reproduce themselves and to continue the process over and over and over.

The second issue: ***Evangelism Ministries***. The NC Conference is now involved in a "pilot" program – C-1000. This opportunity has just recently come about. Six churches are involved in an intense 12-month training regimen to reach 1000 in attendance. This process will officially begin in August. Dr. Weston will be working personally with leadership teams in each of these churches to train and inspire them and the congregation to reach more people with the gospel and enable their churches to reach the goal of 1000 in attendance. It has already been stressed that the first principle is to engage an intercessory team in fervent prayer for guidance and direction to attain the goal.

Without the vital resource of prayer, neither of the above ministries will be successful. They will simply be another program we've offered that will have short-lived results, but little for eternity.

The third vital issue is the priority of ***Mothering Churches***. The more I study the book of Acts and see the role model for all present-day churches, the more I am convinced that "mothering" churches was a vital issue then and *must* be a vital issue in 2005 and beyond. The truth is, anything healthy reproduces. Healthy Christians, by the power of the Holy Spirit, must reproduce other Christians. The same is true of healthy congregations. I am not referring to churches that presently have 200 or more people, or what we refer to as a large congregation. How large is our heart and commitment to reproducing ourselves and the kingdom?

The book of Acts reveals to me that church planting was a "natural" event. The church in Acts operated under the direction and power of the Holy Spirit and in glorifying and expanding the Kingdom of God. In expanding the Kingdom, it was "natural" to reproduce itself. It was not

something that only a few churches did; when Paul evangelized and discipled, he, without fail, "planted churches."

In a recent article I read this paragraph:

> There is a lot of discussion today on the purposes of the church. Some say there are at least seven purposes and maybe more: preaching, teaching, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, worship, and stewardship. Yet flowing from all these spokes of purpose we have to include: reproduction, multiplication, and church planting (Mothering). If we ignore these, are we not saying, "Well, that was for Paul's day, not ours"? [excerpted from the Church Planting Group of the Southern Baptist Convention (www.sbc.net)].

My prayer is and will continue to be that the Holy Spirit will do a mighty work of harvest and revival among our existing congregations and will, as well, convict/convince pastors and congregations that they must reproduce themselves. *Pastors, congregations: Please understand that we are not saturated with the gospel or with churches in Eastern North Carolina.* I pray also that the Holy Spirit will help us understand that there are thousands, even tens of thousands, of people in our state who, number one, will come to our churches if only someone will invite them, and, number two, may not come to my present church or worship service yet may be reached by a new church that your present congregation can ***mother***.

"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up our eyes and look at the fields for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:35) Your church, regardless of your present size, can become a part of mothering a church or mother a church. Mothering churches is not a Conference or General Church challenge or thrust. Mothering churches is a New Testament Church function and must become a part of the spiritual DNA of every church in the North Carolina Conference.

Remember: all that we accomplish for the Kingdom of God is "**an investment in eternity**."

The following is a letter received from the Albritton PH Kids' Church regarding their People to People child. I pray this will challenge you and your congregation to support People to People Ministries, as these children have so willingly and unselfishly done:

Enclosed is our offering for ***Scarleth Sarai Arbizu****...The kids at Albritton are very excited about helping this young girl. This is one project that has made a positive difference in our young people in Kids' Church. It is not about them, but about being able to help someone their own age – someone they can identify with. We have fallen in love with this girl, just from the photo of her. Thank you for being able to give us this great opportunity of serving God in this mission work. We are already seeing God bless our church. Again,* ***thank you*** *for enlightening us in such a simple way to serve God. And please send us 25 People to People coin boxes!*

With our love and prayers in Christ,

–Betty White and the Albritton PH Kids' Church

Scarleth

FREE CAMP

Many of you people have made me feel you are interested in what we are doing for the M25 people – (Matthew 25 – "the overlooked or ignored" – *The Message*). Therefore, I want to report to you a great and successful event.

We had our annual "Free Camp" June 6-10 in Amarillo. I will be really brief – this is our 15th camp – totally free. We endeavor to break down social, economic, and racial barriers for four days. We charge nothing for the camp, and the kids will get a free T-shirt. It is very exciting watching things like this take hold.

We had one of our largest camps – 352 total attendance.

Rev. Jimmy Whitfield, senior pastor of First Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina, sent 22 teenagers and 6 adults. They did most of the ministry this year – skits, music, and one on one. It was an exciting time to see such quality teenagers take time to come to Amarillo to help us. They were included in our Biker Ministry on Monday night, fed the homeless on Tuesday morning, and then worked every day from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. (We are not into the early-to-bed thing). Pastor Cutty Peacock was a real blessing in leading the services in the evening.

On the first night, we had an ex-outlaw biker speak to the kids. This man is 5'10" tall, weighs about 300 pounds, and has a Mohawk haircut and tattoos all over him. He was a big hit, not because of his appearance but because of his heart for Jesus. Remember, we don't brings kids raised in Christian homes to camp. His name is Ox, and he is from Tennessee. What a true servant of God.

The Spirit of the Lord really moved upon our people and our young people.

We ended the camp with a set of saddlebags for a motorcycle filled with reminders of Free Camp for the youth from North Carolina and challenged them to do something in their area for M25 people. They accepted the challenge. It was awesome watching those kids work and flow in the Lord. Our kitchen staff, men and women on disability for the most part, committed to help the First Church in Goldsboro by doing the cooking for them if they ever need us.

We had 100 adults volunteer to make this camp happen. What a miracle! Our church really gets behind this event.

Our budget – I use the term loosely; we have never "set a budget" – I am old school and follow the Spirit of the Lord and trust the Lord to meet the need. In years past, just weeks before the camp, we had only a fraction of the money to do what the camp had cost us the year before, *but God always came through*. This year, we had about $1000 more than it cost us last year before we started the camp. Then the church in Goldsboro sent us a check for $2000. *Wow! What a blessing!* I would also like to thank Doug Beacham for the contribution of $500 from the national youth ministry.

Let me close by saying that the help from North Carolina and the General Church has helped a lot of our folks realize we are important to God, and it has brought a lot of healing to our people. For fifteen years, we have fought this battle alone, or at least it felt that way. What a blessing you have been to us.

For "the least of these,"
Gary Burd
Director of M-25 Ministries
Superintendent, Great Plains Conference

YouthFest 2005

September 25, 2005

Kinston First Pentecostal Holiness Church

Outdoor Festival featuring pony rides, carnival games, quarter drinks, hot dogs, slushes, cotton candy and popcorn. Fun for all ages from 2-5 p.m. Indoor Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. starring Natalie Grant. Tickets are $10 and available during pre-sale August 1-15 to churches only. For more information contact Johnny Williams at 252-522-0287.

First Time in Church History

Effective July 1,
New Covenant Pentecostal Holiness Church
has a full-time paid pastor with benefits.
Rev. Marc Swanner

REVIVAL SERVICES

August 14-17

New Covenant P.H. Church

Rev. Cliff West, Evangelist

State Evangelist with Virginia Church of God

Rev. Marc Swanner, Pastor

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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by Joyce Hodges
Local CEM Representative

In 1999, Church Education Ministries instituted a program to honor Sunday school teachers across our denomination. Each year since then, the Karl Bunkley Teacher of the Year Award has honored a teacher of the year – on the local church level, the conference level, and the national level – who has attained or exceeded the standards of excellence in Sunday school set forth by CEM. It also honors Karl Bunkley, a hero of Sunday school in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Mr. Bunkley was General Sunday School President of the IPHC for eighteen years (1957-1975) and came to be known as "Mr. Sunday School." Beginning this year, the program has been expanded to include recognition of teachers in any ministry in the church, not just in Sunday school.

What a privilege it is for us to be given the opportunity to acknowledge teachers in our local churches for their longevity and faithfulness in service, their effective and creative teaching, and their impact upon the lives of students! Hopefully, your church nominated a teacher for the 2005 Karl Bunkley Teacher of the Year Award. If you did not, please ask yourself, "Why not?" IPHC motivational speaker Tony Miller gives us reasons for participating in this opportunity to express sincere gratitude and love for the dedication and impact that our teachers have had on our lives and the lives of others. He writes, "It's the law of celebration. Anything you don't recognize, you don't celebrate, and anything you don't celebrate, you don't reward, and anything you don't reward, eventually will move out of your life. In far too many churches, effective teaching and making disciples has 'moved out.' Your church can break this pattern by recognizing, celebrating, and rewarding teachers in the local church. This is a vital part of 'making disciples' of Jesus Christ who know the Word, do the Word, and have the Living Word in their hearts."

The Church Education Ministries board would like to send accolades to all the unsung heroes who teach in the local church. You might not have been nominated to receive recognition through the Karl Bunkley Teacher of the Year program, but along with our heavenly Father's recognition of you for the many treasures you have stored up in heaven, we want to dedicate the following poem to you for your contribution to building the kingdom of God!

You're Special in God's Sight

Oh, how special you are in God's sight;
You teach His children; you radiate His light.

"**T**," God says, "is for your **teachable spirit**;
You read My Word, and open your ears to hear it."

E is for the **excitement** you bring to your teaching,
That impacts the lives of the ones you are reaching.

A is for the **atmosphere** of love you create
In your classroom of students that God calls first rate.

C is for the **Christlike example** you set each day
In your walk, your thoughts, and in all you say.

H is for the **happy look** you have on your face,
While at work, at play, or standing in place.

E is for the **energy** you so willingly expend
In your studying, calling, and in the letters you send.

R is for the **rewards** God has in store for you,
And for your service to Him, there are many due.

Keep teaching His children and radiating His light,
And you'll continue to remain special in God's sight.

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Have a great fall season!

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

2005 General Conference

Betty and I left Raleigh on Thursday, July 21, at 1:40 p.m. for Oklahoma City, the location of the 25th General Conference of the IPHC. We returned on Saturday, July 30, at 8:00 p.m. This, my ninth General Conference, was the greatest General Conference and accompanying activities I have ever attended.

The activities began with the Fine Arts Festival on Thursday evening. The three days of talents displayed by our young people were just fantastic. We have much to be thankful for. I was honored to judge the short sermon category. The North Carolina Conference youth won 16 first-place finishes and many second- and third-place finishes. Our own Charles Boyd, the national talent director, did a wonderful job in leading the event. Well done, Charles!

On Saturday, I had meetings all day. There was a General Executive Board meeting (GEB) in the morning. In the afternoon, there was a General Board of Administration (GBA) meeting. After dinner with the GEB members and wives, there was another GEB meeting.

On Sunday, Betty and I attended the Women's Ministries worship service with Lisa Bevere. She gave an excellent word. On Sunday afternoon, Betty and I met for dinner with Jack Kelley and the Men's Ministries Board. In the evening, Betty went to service and I went to another GBA meeting.

Monday was a full day. Betty attended the Women's Ministries Convention, and I attended the Men's Ministries Convention. I was able to drop in the Women's Ministries Convention for a short while. Both conventions were very special. The men conducted business in the morning and heard Dan Erickson in the afternoon. The ladies conducted business nearly all day. Mrs. Jewelle Stewart was reelected as WM national executive director. Our own Linda Thomas was elected assistant director, and our own Patsy Deese was elected a board member. We congratulate these two special ladies. They will represent North Carolina well.

On Monday evening, Betty and I attended the Women's Ministries Banquet. Judy Jacobs Tuttle was the primary speaker. The banquet/service lasted until nearly 11:00 p.m. Wow! It was a great service, but long. The speaker gave a great word.

On Tuesday morning, the 25th General Conference actually began. It continued through Friday evening. Early on Tuesday morning, the Polity Committee met for a two-hour breakfast. Needless to say, Tuesday was a long day.

All in all, I was very pleased with all the activities of the Conference. About 1400 delegates were present. The North Carolina Conference had the largest delegation, with about 210 present. Another 75 to 100 of our people were present as visitors.

Our Bishop was reelected. He will serve a special and unprecedented third four-year term (this since the statute began in the mid-eighties). History was made as another pastor and a layperson were elected to the General Executive Board. The two pastors on the board are Derrick Gardner, Columbia, South Carolina; and Frank Tunstall, Oklahoma City. Trish Weedn, a former state senator of Oklahoma, was elected as the layperson to the board.

Reverend Donald Duncan, former vice chairman and World Missions director, did not stand for reelection but decided to retire. He has done a great job for the church through the years.

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The new Executive Directors elected for the Oklahoma RDC were as follows:

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I was reelected to the General Executive Board (GEB) as the North East Zone Superintendent. (About five superintendents serve on the GEB). I was also nominated for World Missions director. After much prayer and reflection, I withdrew my name. Betty and I felt strongly that the timing was not right. Much that we feel very strongly about is not complete in this conference. The Lord has not released us from North Carolina.

Time here does not permit me to discuss all the changes to the IPHC Manual. I will do that in the Fall MPM meetings with pastors. A handout will be made available. The new manuals should be printed in early 2006.

Our Bishop did a fantastic job in planning and chairing the General Conference. He spoke as a man with vision and passion on Friday night. I am thankful for his leadership and excited about the next four years.

The morning training sessions with Chuck Pierce, Ralph Moore, and H. B. London were just great. The evening sessions with Tony Miller, E. V. Hill II, and Ed Silvoso were awesome. The Lord blessed and gave special words. The music was loud but inspiring. Betty and I, as GEB members, were on the platform every evening. That put us right in the thick of everything. We were blessed!

On Friday night after the service, the Bishop called for the new GEB to meet. We met until about 1:00 a.m. On Saturday, Betty and I came home. We had to run in Atlanta to catch our flight. We made it! I said our luggage wouldn't make it. She said have faith; it will. She was right! Praise the Lord.

One highlight of the business sessions is that superintendents are now called bishops. I am still getting used to that one. Brother Leggett is now the presiding bishop and bishop for life. Superintendents are now only bishops while in office. I never imagined that I would be a bishop. Wow!

NEW ARRIVAL

Rev. Jonathan and Brandie Daniels, youth pastor of the Clinton P.H. Church, are the proud parents of Jacob Bayden Daniels, born July 10, 2005.

Proud grandparents are Robert and Vickie Honeycutt of the Culbreth Memorial P.H. Church and Bill and Sandra Daniels of the Benson P.H. Church.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Close Harmony: A History of Southern Gospel

by James R. Goff Jr.

Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press. 394 pages.

This book is indeed a treasure full of archival information about the roots, development, and influence of Southern Gospel music. Although new forms of music have filled the musical landscape since the early days of Southern Gospel, this genre continues to touch the hearts of many people, as the popularity of Bill Gaither's Homecoming video series reveals. The author gives several reasons why we ought to study and record for future generations the roots and influence of Southern Gospel music. This is the music of much of America, appealing to a variety of people because of its spiritual influences. Many in our own ranks recall the names of singers like James Blackwood, Eva Mae LeFevre, J. D. Sumner, Brock Speer, Naomi Sego, Hovie Lister, and Elmo Fagg, and some may have known them personally. The music's importance may also be understood as the foundation and catalyst for such groups as the Oak Ridge Boys, the Jordanaires, and the Statler Brothers. The likes of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, and Willie Nelson cut their teeth on this uniquely American style of music.

Supported by nine chapters and thorough documentation, the four major sections of the book include the roots of a musical genre, the birth of an industry, the emergence of professional quartets, and the world of Southern Gospel. Pictures of early and more modern key groups such as the Vaughn Quartet, the V. O. Stamps Quartet, the LeFevre Trio, the Blackwood Brothers, and the Dixie Melody Boys; and individuals such as Jerry Goff, Hovie Lister, Bill Gaither, Eldridge Fox, and Wendy Bagwell abound throughout the book, including a special picture of the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame and Museum located at the Dollywood Theme Park in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Reading this book brought back childhood memories of listening to the Florida Boys, the Dixie Echoes, and other groups that got my interest. While the future of Southern Gospel music may be uncertain, many Americans remember the early days as talented men and women sang in close harmony and in beautiful melody songs that touched their hearts, many of which we continue to sing today. Whether you are looking for a city, wanting to fly away just to dwell in Beulah land, move out of "this old house," or cling to the old rugged cross, Gospel music, which many view as the sweetest singing this side of heaven, blesses the human soul and revitalizes the spirit of the believer. While I have always had trouble believing that for every drop of rain that falls, a flower grows, I will always believe for as long as I live that because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Southern Gospel music is a heritage worth remembering! Thanks, Brother James Goff Jr., for a work well done.

The Volunteer Revolution: Unleashing the Power of Everybody

by Bill Hybels

Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company. 141 pages.

What pastor hasn't dreamed of an "every member a minister" type of situation, in which 100 percent of the membership is active in ministry, in and out of the church? Besides the pastor's needing to recover from total shock, amazing things would happen that would revolutionize the church and the community. Hybels' church serves as a prime example of what can happen when believers serve the Lord and everyone plays a vital role in the ongoing ministry of the church.

Consumerism continues to plague the church as we have become consumer beings, believing that we are what we have and that the church is just one more entity designed to meet our needs. Many attend church to be served rather than to serve. Some, if they fail to receive the benefits and pampering they think they deserve, just may seek another church that will fulfill those needs. The church with the best basketball, handball, and tennis courts, aerobics classes, pink dancing elephants, air-conditioned travel van; the church that provides the liveliest music and employs the most dynamic, creative, energetic, and entertaining youth leader possible, who is able to leap tall buildings, run faster than a speeding bullet, and single-handedly baby-sit all the kids, while we dine, converse, and shop – wins! Have we yielded to the temptation to become commercial so as to attract the commerce of consumers, so we can buoy up the numbers and save face? Such words as *sacrifice, deep commitment, selflessness, taking up one's cross,* and *serving* are slowly dying out of our religious vocabulary. It's no longer about Him, but about me. The rich, blind, and wretched self reigns. Such is the tragedy of the lukewarm, Laodicean Christian.

But those who refuse to give in to the spirit of the age, who love church and people because they love God, will march in step with the Holy Spirit and work and occupy until Jesus comes. Hybels states, "Imagine what would happen if people in our world, by the masses, took up serving towels, draped them over their arms, and willingly, even joyfully, served other people in their everyday lives. Such attitudes and actions would change our world. People are never closer to living out the teachings of Christ than when they are adding value to someone else's life. And people who are far from God are rarely more impacted than when they see 21st-century Christ followers behaving as Christ

behaved." How did Christ behave? He came to seek and to save that which was lost. He came not to be ministered unto but to minister. He took upon Himself the form of a servant and served faithfully. We were shaped for serving. Believers yoked with Christ possess the same attitude of humility and servanthood.

The author provides many examples of people whose lifelong ambition is to serve in God's mission by living for others. Living for self resembles someone chasing the wind. It never satisfies. It always leaves an empty feeling and a deep hole in one's being. Throughout the book, Hybels presents principles of servanthood and the philosophy of ministry that Jesus exemplified before His followers and the hurting world. Reading this book will inspire anyone who loves the Lord to examine his or her heart, ambitions, and aspirations and seek a closeness to the Lord in which he speaks kindly and gently to the heart, calling for a total commitment in ministry. Serving is the normal behavior for people who are filled with the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus served on earth, now the Body of Christ in His earthly absence is to imitate His life and serve others. Who is the greatest among us today? Let that person be the servant of all, for it is when we humble ourselves that, in due season, God will exalt and raise us up.

In the words of the Lord Jesus, "Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it," we learn that in order to keep our lives, we must give them away for the good of others and the glory of God. God being my helper, I will….

Creating Messages That Connect: Ten Secrets of Effective Communicators

by Allan Nelson

Loveland, Colorado: Group Publishing, 176 pages.

The concept of "connecting" with people, whether in relationships or in communication, seems to be the buzzword in recent times. What does it mean to connect? Is there a difference between a sermon that does not connect and one that does? Nelson, who has a master's degree in communication and a doctorate in leadership, presents timeless communication principles to develop skills necessary for crafting great messages. He reminds the communicator that the better you know your audience, the better you can design a message that connects. To connect or not to connect, that is the question. Nelson states, "Communication doesn't just happen. Messages that connect are intentional, designed, and carefully presented." The parishioner in the pew asks the question, "Why should I listen to you?" How you answer that question in the introduction, body and conclusion of your message or Sunday school lesson will determine the level or measure of effectiveness in communication.

A great message that touches the mind, the heart, and the will has a number of key elements that make it great, but the greatest of sermons can be no more effective than any other if it does not connect with the audience. In that a great message encourages people to bring about change in their lives, they must be captivated and persuaded to be transformed by that powerful Word and the Holy Spirit. Some messages say too much in too little time, while others say too little in a long period of time. Because this generation of listeners has been treated to a steady diet of sound bites, the minister must communicate well in order to gain a hearing and to impact the lives of his listeners in a dynamic way. Usually people fail to listen to a speaker they cannot understand, and they will fail to act if they cannot trust the speaker.

This book is helpful in identifying problems and concerns of communications. The author doesn't readdress concepts that are outdated and barely useful, but rather, he captivates your interest and makes you want to finish the book in one sitting. It is essential reading for one who wants to improve in communication and preaching. Happy reading!

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER /OCTOBER

Rev. W. M. Cordon	September 1
Rev. George Weaver	September 5
Rev. Vernon Clark	September 6
Rev. Johnie Pollard	September 13
Rev. William Wooten	September 14
Rev. Ralph Jernigan	September 15
Rev. Hill Teachey	September 17
Rev. Jimmy Williams	September 17
Rev. Melvin Narron	September 26
Rev. J. Doner Lee	October 2
Rev. J. B. Perry	October 3
Rev. W. A. Crawford	October 3
Rev. William C. Dunning	October 6
Rev. W. B. Satterfield	October 13
Rev. Kenneth Dixon	October 13
Rev. Thomas Conway	October 14
Rev. Thesbia Byrd	October 15
Rev. Linwood Manning	October 15
Rev. Lotis Joyner	October 17
Rev. Mrs. Pauline Knowles	October 18
Rev. Miss Louise Smith	October 31

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.'"(Ruth 1:16-17)

Dear Women of God.

Webster's Dictionary defines *commitment* as an agreement or pledge to do something in the future; the state of being obligated or emotionally impelled…

Commitment must be fueled not merely by head knowledge, but also by heart determination. Ruth had nothing to offer to Naomi or to God but herself, and that she gave willingly and eagerly. Every woman, whatever her circumstances or position, has at least that to give the Savior, and it is enough.

Girls' Ministries is a great place for service. Our young girls need committed women to mentor them. The Pentecostal church has a wonderful Missionettes program for all ages, Rainbows to Girls Only. Everything needed for a successful program is included in the material. We just need you! Our Conference Girls' Ministries director and the GM team would be happy to visit your church or to help you get started. Please feel free to contact Bobbi McNeese at 910-533-3010 any time.

Sunday, September 11 is Girls' Ministries Day. Local Girls' Ministries coordinators should have received promotional information about this special event, or you can go online at www.iphc.org/wm/gms/gmsday/devotional.html.

The weekend of October 21-22 is the Girls' Ministries Convention/Retreat in Falcon. Please mark this date on your calendar for your Missionettes groups to participate.

Lots of wonderful things are happening in the North Carolina Conference, and I want to thank you for your support and commitment to our programs and activities.

May you be blessed as you allow the Lord to enlarge your heart for others. Remember, together we can make a difference!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Happy Hearts are "clicking up their heels" and headed for New York (Red Hook and Manhattan). The dates are October 17-20, 2005. There's still room if you would like to go. The cost includes bus travel, hotel accommodations, and a 24-hour pass for Hop On-Hop Off tour bus to see all of Manhattan.

The tour bus ticket allows you to choose your own itinerary for Tuesday afternoon and all day on Wednesday. Times Square Church will have services on Tuesday night. A great trip is planned!

If you are interested, please contact Marjorie Teachey at 252-792-3752.

Girl's Ministries MLT Training Was Great!

The weekend of April 22-23, 2005, approximately 65 women gathered in Falcon for the Missionettes Leadership Training. Thirty-six of these women were newcomers. How exciting! The Prims Class was taught by Candy McClure, Stars by Lydia Mills, Daisies by Melodie Blackmon, and Friends/Girls Only by Nicole Turkansky. The clubroom ideas were very helpful. Rev. Patsy Vaughan allowed the Lord to use her to bring a wonderful, much-needed devotion, and later in the evening, Rev. Janice Marshburn administered communion as the women gathered around the bonfire. We appreciate the "girls" from Westmoreland preparing and serving the meals. Thank you, Girls' Ministries, for all your hard work. We appreciate you!

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AGENDA

Friday Evening

Prayer Time ..... 7:00 PM
Falcon, Octagon Tabernacle

Saturday

Registration/Refreshments..... 8:30 – 8:45 AM

Praise & Worship ..... 8:45 – 9:15 AM

Welcome .....Rev. Lydia Figueroa
Supt. Chris Thompson

General Session ..... 9:30 – 10:15 AM
Rev. Lydia Figueroa, WIN Director

Session I ..... 10:15 – 11:30 AM
Rev. Michael Fletcher

Fellowship/Snacks .....11:30 – 12 Noon

Session II .....12:00 – 1:15 PM
Rev. Michael Fletcher

Communion/Prayer .....Rev. Lydia Figueroa

Featured Speaker: Pastor Michael Fletcher

Michael Fletcher is the senior pastor of Manna Church located in Fayetteville, NC. He has been the senior pastor for 20 years and has led the church from 300 members in 1993 to over 2,600 members. Michael is also the apostolic team leader of Grace Churches International, which currently has 318 churches in over 40 nations. He is a highly sought-after speaker in local church and conference settings both nationally and internationally.

Michael has a passion to "change the world" and has been accomplishing this vision in three specific areas:

- By helping God's people discover their individual giftings and callings, and deploying them to be salt and light in their world.
- By helping God's people build strong families with an emphasis on marriage and child rearing.
- By planting churches with a world-changing vision locally, regionally, and internationally.

God has given Michael great insight in the area of church growth and he has recently authored a book entitled *Leadership Transitions for Growth*. Dr. C. Peter Wagner wrote the foreword and said that "this is the best guidebook for pastors today." The book has already sold thousands of copies, and his Church Growth Seminar has helped bring encouragement and strategy to numerous pastors. Michael has a burden to use the wisdom God has given him to strengthen local churches and see them reach their full potential. Michael has also authored *Beyond Reconciliation*, which is published by Wagner Publications. His third book, *Building Successful Relationships: 7 Keys to Winning and Keeping the Hearts of Others*, was released in June of 2004.

Michael is also an instructor at Grace College of Divinity, where he teaches Theology, Church Life, and Church Growth. Michael hosts a daily radio program focusing on family-related issues that reaches over a quarter of the state of North Carolina. He is also a member of the US Prayer Network and serves on the Advisory Committee for Family and Children for Congressman Mike McIntyre.

Michael has been married to his wife, Laura, for 25 years and has 8 "world changers." He and his wife have conducted childrearing and marriage seminars in churches throughout the region.

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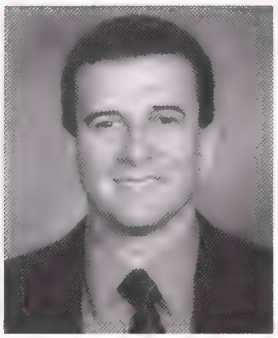

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Las Relaciones Pastorales, Parte III

Deseo concluir este tema haciendo otras observaciones del pasaje de la Escritura en Exodo 17:8-16, del cual podemos aprender otras enseñanzas de valor en cuanto a las relaciones entre pastores y ministros. Notemos lo que sucede después que Moisés, Aarón y Hur subieron a la cumbre del collado.

Moisés sube a ese monte alto o colina con la "vara de Dios en su mano" y sabemos que cuando estaban en esa colina o monte alto, Moisés estaba de pie con su mano alzada sosteniendo la vara de Dios, pero sus manos se canzaban, hasta que Aarón y Hur tuvieron la idea de colocar una piedra debajo de Moisés y así cada uno de ellos sostenían las manos de Moisés en alto, hasta que hubo total victoria de Israel contra los amalecitas.

Muchos concuerdan que este acto de Moisés es un acto de oración. Esto expresa una actitud de dependencia de Dios que influyó en el resultado de la batalla y que sirvió para demostrar la necesidad y realidad de esa dependencia de todo el pueblo de Dios. Israel no podía conquistar solamente mediante la espada, sino que solo podía ganar la victoria por el poder de Dios viniendo de lo alto y que se obtiene por la oración.

En este acto de oración de Moisés se le unen dos más. Lea el pasaje de Eclesiastés 4:9, 10, 12 "Mejores son dos que uno; porque tienen mejor paga de su trabajo. Porque si cayeren, el uno levantará a su compañero; pero ay del solo! Que cuando cayere, no habrá segundo que lo levante. Y si alguno prevaleciere contro uno, dos le resistirán; y cordón de tres dobleces no se rompe pronto."

También lea Mateo 18:19, 20 "...si dos de vosotros se pusieren de acuerdo en la tierra acerca de cualquier cosa que pidieren, les será hecho por mi Padre que está en los cielos Porque donde estan dos o tres congregados en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos."

Podemos tomar y aplicar estos versículos al poder que hay en la unidad de la iglesia de Dios, pero también al poder que hay en la unidad de los ministros.

1. Moisés sube con la vara de Dios en su mano a la cumbre del collado. La vara de Dios es símbolo de autoridad de Dios otorgada a Moisés para llevar a cabo las obras de Dios, sin embargo permitió que Aarón y Hur sibieran con él al mismo lugar.
   a. Ministros de Dios pensemos en lo siguiente, no importa cuanta autoridad nos haya dado Dios para realizar sus obras, o la posición ministerial que tengamos o lo lejos y alto que hayamos llegado en nuestro ministerio, todavía nos necesitamos unos a otros. (1 Corintios 12:21)
   b. El día vendrá cuando no podremos continuar por más tiempo aislados, solitarios e independientes de otros siervos de Dios, ya que a otros el Señor ha capacitado y dotado con palabras, recursos y apoyo que necesitaremos mientras hacemos el trabajo de Dios.

2. Cuando Moisés alzaba su mano, prevalecía Israel; mas cuando él bajaba su mano, prevalecía Amalec. Y las manos de Moisés se cansaban. Al alzar Moisés sus manos con la vara de Dios, no era una forma de magia, sino una señal visible de que la victoria de Israel estaba en las manos de Dios y sólo en el poder de Dios ellos ganarían la batalla.
   a. Soporte es la palabra que viene a mi mente cuando veo a Aarón y Hur poniendo una piedra debajo de Moisés y sosteniendo las manos de él, hasta que Israel hubo vencido completamente. Soporte significa apoyo, sostén, lo que sirve para sostener algo.
   b. No estamos dando soporte cuando nos criticamos unos a otros, nos comparamos unos a otros y hasta nos menospreciamos unos a otros. Alejarse de otro ministro, hablar mal de otro lider, criticar la iglesia del pastor vecino, no es la función a la que hemos sido llamados al lado de otros siervos de Dios, sino que hemos sido llamados a darles soporte.
   c. Tomemos la decisión de levantar las manos de otros ministros de Dios y ponerles un soporte para que sigan haciendo el trabajo de Dios con éxito y victoria.
   d. Aarón y Hur no estaban en ese monte para figurar solamente. Ellos también debían observar la necesidad y tomar el curso correcto de acción en unidad con Moisés. Ellos tomaron la iniciativa y decidieron ayudar. Tome usted la iniciativa y empiece a hacer algo positivo por otros pastores y líderes de la conferencia y vecinos de otras denominaciones en su comunidad.

3. Algunos consejos de lo que podemos hacer entre ministros.
   a. Reconozca el llamado, los dones y habilidades de su compañero y agradezca al Señor por eso.
   b. Levante a otros líderes en sus oraciones, intercediendo por ellos. Mientras usted ora por unos, otros orarán por usted.
   c. Nunca use su púlpito para criticar o hablar negativamente de la iglesia o su pastor vecino.
   d. No robe ovejas de otro redil. No haga comparaciones a la gente, diciéndoles o haciéndoles sentir que su congregación y tu ministerio es lo mejor de la comunidad.
   e. Participe de eventos en los cuales se puedan unir con otros congregaciones y pastores para adorar a Dios y recibir una buena palabra.
   f. Promueva alguna reunión donde junto con otros pastores y líderes puedan compartir un café o comida y relacionarse libremente con ellos, sin temores ni prejuicios.
   g. Ayude con humildad y mansedumbre a los que comienzan en el ministerio, ellos necesitarán de tu experiencia y madurez.
   h. También déjese usted mismo enseñar por otros. No lo sabemos

todo, ni lo podemos todo. Uno de nosotros no es todo el cuerpo, sino que hay muchos miembros y cada uno con su propia función. Tampoco, ninguno de nosotros tiene toda la verdad; necesitamos enseñarnos unos a otros.

i. Aprende los cumpleaños y aniversarios de algunos ministros y salúdalos en ese día especial, manifestando su amistad sincera.

Bien mis amados ministros del Señor que haya paz entre nosotros, "...siguiendo la paz con todos, y la santidad sin la cual nadie vera al Señor. (Hebreos 12:14)

Pastoral Relationships, Part III

I want to conclude this topic by making more observations about the Bible passage in Exodus 17:8-16, where we can learn other valuable teachings about the relationships between pastors and ministers. Notice what happens after Moses, Aaron, and Hur get on the top of the hill.

Moses gets on that high mount or hill with the "staff of God in his hand," and we know that when they were in that hill or high mount, Moses stood with raised hands, sustaining the staff of God, but his hands grew tired, until Aaron and Hur had the idea of placing a stone under Moses, and so each one of them sustained the hands of Moses on high until there was total victory for Israel against the Amalekites.

Many agree that this act of Moses is an act of prayer. This expresses an attitude of dependence on God that influenced the result of the battle and was used to demonstrate the necessity and reality of that dependence of the whole people on God. Israel could not conquer only by means of the sword, but, rather, could win victory by the power of God alone, coming from on high, and that is obtained by prayer.

In this act of prayer by Moses came two more to join his prayer and battle.

Read the passage of Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10, 12: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Also read Matthew 18:19, 20: "Again, I tell you that if two of you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

We could apply these verses to the power that is in the unity of the church of God, but also to the power that is in the unity of the ministers and servants of God.

1. Moses goes up with the staff of God in his hand to the top of the hill. The staff of God is symbolic of the authority of God granted to Moses in order to carry out the works of God; however, Moses permitted Aaron and Hur to go up with him to the same place.
   a. Ministers of God, think of the following: it doesn't matter how much authority God has given us in order to carry out His works, or the ministerial position we have, or how far and high we have arrived in our ministry, we still need one another. (1 Corinthians 12: 21)
   b. The day will come when we won't continue any longer isolated, solitary, and independent of other servants of God, since the Lord has placed others qualified and gifted with words, resources, and support that we will need while we are doing the work of God.
2. When Moses raised his hand, Israel prevailed, but when he lowered his hand, Amalekites prevailed. And the hands of Moses got tired. Moses' raising his hands with the staff of God was not a form of magic, but a visible sign that the victory of Israel was in the hands of God, and only in the power of God would they win the battle.
   a. *Support* is the word that comes to my mind when I see Aaron and Hur putting a stone under Moses and sustaining his hands until Israel had conquered completely. Support means "to bear the weight of, especially from underneath; to hold in position; to keep from falling or sinking; to keep (a person, the mind, etc.) from failing or declining; to strengthen."
   b. We are not giving support when we criticize one another, compare ourselves to one another, and minimize one another. Distancing oneself from another minister, speaking wrongly of another leader, criticizing the church of the neighboring pastor – these are not the functions to which we have been called beside other servants of God, but rather, we have been called to give them support.
   c. We have to make the decision to lift the hands of other ministers of God and give them support so that they can continue doing the work of God with success and victory.
   d. Aaron and Hur were not on that mount only in order to make an appearance. They also saw what was necessary and took the correct course of action in unity with Moses. They took the initiative and decided to help. You have to take the initiative and begin to do something positive for other ministers and leaders of the conference and neighbors in other denominations in your community.
3. Here are some suggestions for how we can help and minister with other ministers:
   a. Recognize the calling, gifts, and abilities of your companions in ministry and thank to the Lord for that reason.
   b. Lift up other leaders in your prayers, interceding for them. While you are praying for someone, others will pray for you.
   c. Never use your pulpit in order to criticize or speak negatively of the church or your neighboring pastor.
   d. Do not steal sheep from another flock. Don't make comparisons to people, saying to them or making them feel that your congregation and your ministry are the best in the community.
   e. Make yourself available to participate in events in which you could unite with other congregations and pastors in order to worship God together and receive a good word.
   f. Promote any meeting where, together with other pastors and leaders, you could share a coffee or meal and relate freely with them, without fears or prejudices.
   g. Help and serve with humility and meekness those who are starting in the ministry; they will need your experience and maturity.
   h. Also, let yourself be taught by others. We don't know everything, nor are we able to do everything. One of us is not the whole body, but rather, there are many members, and each one has his own function. Neither does any one of us have the whole truth; we need to teach one another.
   i. Learn the birthdays and anniversaries of some ministers and greet them on that special day, manifesting your sincere friendship.

Well, my dear friends and ministers of God, so that there will be peace among us, "…make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." (Hebrews 12: 14)

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

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St. Matthew PH Church
Pastor Ken and Winnie White

St. Matthew Pentecostal Holiness Church is the first church we have pastored. Our first Sunday was October 31, 2004. We knew immediately that this was a great church. The people are very loving, and the church is full of rich heritage. I rely heavily on prayer, fasting, and church growth experts to help me make decisions that will help our church to increase in numbers and in disciples. The church growth seminars with Dr. Owen Weston, the teachings of Conrad Lowe, the School of Ministry at Falcon, and, last but not least, the help of my mentor and friend, Rev. Marty Warren, have been an essential part of my learning.

When we first came to St. Matthew in October 2004, the Sunday morning average attendance for worship was 57. The average for July 2005 Sunday morning worship was 114. Wow! God has been good to this small rural community called Keener, outside Clinton. People who haven't been to church in years are coming back to the church. We're seeing people get saved and rededicate their lives back to Christ.

Conrad Lowe's growth curve begins with vision. The vision for St. Matthew was clear to me since January: "St. Matthew is a church with a great heritage and loving people serving Jesus, remembering our past, but looking with joyful anticipation toward the future, as we grow and disciple believers in the great commission. We care about every link in the chain called family." The Lord laid on my heart that every age group was important to make a church family grow, and we have striven to provide ministry to all age groups with a standard of excellence. Once the vision was established, we focused on building relationships. We started with "handshakes and smiles" during the opening chorus of every service. The people love this. It gives them a time to greet visitors and one another.

We came to St. Matthew with our own Sunday school class (three children ages 3 and under), so we had to establish programs quickly in order for us to minister to the church family and for our children to receive ministry. Now we have a nursery, preschool church, children's church, and Sunday and Wednesday night classes. The teens (Teens in Action) also have a strong showing, thanks to Joseph Andrews from Clinton First, who is now pursuing his minister's license. They have doubled in size in the past four months. We have 40 from ages 0 to 18, to whom we are honored to minister, who pass through our doors at any given service.

Music has also been a key to our growth. We have added instruments such as a bass, acoustic guitar, and drums. We have added a new sound system and projection system and now include all sorts of media whenever possible. The church has been very receptive to this addition, and it broadens the interest of our unchurched family and friends.

The most important key to St. Matthew's growth is our follow-up ministry. Lucille Smith, a lay member, has the gift of service. She writes all first-time guests and follows up with a phone call the Saturday before the next Sunday's worship. On Sunday afternoon or Monday, I also call first-time guests or church members who have not attended for a while and thank them for coming to worship with us. We are adding the "banana nut bread" outreach as well. Dr. Weston says this just seems to work best, and our visitors have loved it. One young fellow said he would come back every Sunday if someone would bake bread for him! He is now on our praise band!

After doing Dr. Weston's gifting test with our congregation, we have worked hard to plug people in where they can use their gifts. Jobs in the church vary from greeters, children's ministry, teen ministry, music ministry, media ministry, and many more. We try to plug people in where they can use their talents and add to the worship experience.

The biggest problem we have faced since we have been at St. Matthew is space. We have now maximized our Sunday school classrooms and are in need of more. We are currently at the 80 percent capacity rule, which states that once your church meets the 80 percent capacity, people stop coming. Many of those who are able have been parking on the grass for several months to leave good parking spaces for our guests and the handicapped. If we

continue to grow as we have these past ten months, we will have to look into a larger facility. In a church vote last month, the church overwhelmingly voted "yes" to do whatever it takes to continue to build the kingdom of God here at St. Matthew. With such a hardworking, loving church, we will reach this community and our family for Him. We say "Yes, Lord!" We are ready.

SWANQUARTER PH CHURCH

Opportunities for miracles abound along "The Road less traveled"—the description of the Hyde County area of Coastal N.C. The road is narrow, the participants are few. Qualifications are one's inability, and faith in God. This is an accurate rendering of such a story. The author is an eyewitness; the time is now; the place is here.

Before the foundation was laid and the first nail driven, the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Swan Quarter was a reality in the heart of Macon and Emma Spencer. The year was 1960; the County was Hyde: "The Road Less Traveled." That road was narrow, the participants were few, and the job was too big. Those participating were a Christian people of true faith, courage, and opportunity. The years would come and go; those that filled the pulpit and pews would be men and women that continued the legacy of faith, courage, and opportunity. A new generation would arise and enter into the labors of those that lived honorably and sacrificed much because of a love for their Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, and for lost men's souls.

The Town of Swan Quarter was to face many difficulties and hardships. The local grocery store was to close; the Courthouse along with its jail would become uninhabitable. The ravaging effects of storms and other hardships caused many to leave. That which was birthed in 1965, located on Academy Street beside the debris of an old school, continued to be a place of opportunity. The dwellers were Dorothy Williams, Lois Cahoon, and Vicki Williams. This group, with a few others, held on through the years. The years came and went. The job had become too big. Termites had been at work for years; the building had been deserted by many, but this was the birthplace of opportunity. And there was no termite that had eroded Mrs. Dorothy's faith; she would not be moved. She had an assurance from God; assurance that came with salvation, sanctification, and being filled with the Holy Ghost! In her walk with God, no substitute would do. Her continuing prayer was that God would send laborers and the hoped-for impossible would become the ongoing reality. The true meaning of the task and the height of the mountain is known only to those who have persevered.

In Nehemiah 4:6, the people had a mind to work. They started to come, hearts moved upon by God. A house was sold and monies sent to the road less traveled; personal savings accounts were emptied; vacations given up; time taken off work with no pay; people who had never been to Swan Quarter found themselves standing on the soil of opportunity; and sacrifices of thanksgiving were being made. The church was raised above the flood plain; a new foundation was laid; new sills were built; termites treated; siding and termite-infested wood replaced, new ductwork installed; heat, restrooms, sheetrock, paint, floors refinished; new pews, ceiling fans, lights, a new metal roof, new doors carpet, handicap ramp, two new porches, etc.

Mrs. Dorothy Williams officially retired as pastor in 2005, her mountain occupied, her work to see the impossible complete. In a town where decline had been witnessed, a testimony stands. It is one of opportunity and one where a people dwell who continued to believe God for the impossible. This is the road less traveled, one in which God is glorified through a people of faith, courage, and opportunity. To all who participated, your deeds and sacrifices will not be forgotten. To those whose labors we have entered, we are grateful for your service and sacrifice to the Lord.

I recently had the opportunity to preach a Sunday morning service at the Swan Quarter PH Church. The pastor is Rev. Mike Wheeler and his wife, Rhonda. There were 36 in attendance. God is sending people to the Swan Quarter Church. In a community with a dwindling population and which has been devastated by recent hurricanes, God is truly blessing this congregation.

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The Lord's Baseball Game

Freddy and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team.

The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter named Love stepped up to the plate.

Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single because "Love never fails."

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love.

The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch.

Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: Ball one. Three more pitches, and Godly Wisdom walked because he never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were now loaded. The Lord then turned to Freddy and told him he was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Freddy said, "He sure doesn't look like much!"

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! But Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by.

He went up to the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head, and sent him crashing on the ground; the roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued over the fence … for a home run!

The Lord's team won!

The Lord then asked Freddy if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base but couldn't win the game. Freddy answered that he didn't know why.

The Lord explained, "If your love, faith, and wisdom had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith, and Wisdom will get you on base, but only My Grace can get you Home: 'For by Grace are you saved, it is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast'" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Psalms 84:11 says, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).

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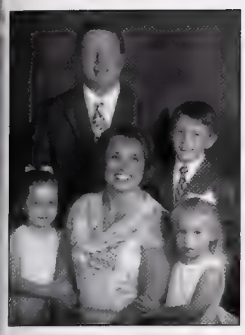

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Falcon, Hispanic Youth Camp 2005

Once again! Glory to God!

I want to take this moment to glorify God for the opportunity that He gave us to celebrate our second Hispanic Youth Camp, "Face to Face with God," in Falcon on July 2, 3, 4, where we had a really good time being in God's presence, praising and worshiping him and enjoying His powerful manifestation with more than 80 young people from different churches.

It was a very special camp because the Christian fellowship and unity of the youth really were evidence of what David wrote in Psalm 133. The praise and worship was performed for a group of worshipers (musicians and singers) from different churches led by Brother Eduardo Gonzales, and it was a blessing. The themes of the sessions and workshops brought the young people moments of deep meditation and answers to seek an experience "face to face" with God.

I want to express my deep thanks to the leaders and the pastors who supported the youth to participate in this second Hispanic Youth Camp.

In Christ,

Rev. Fernando Angulo

Falcon, Campamento Juvenil Hispano 2005

¡Una vez mas! ¡Gloria a Dios!

Quiero tomar este momento para glorificar a Dios por la oportunidad que nos regalo de realizar el 2do campamento Juvenil Hispano "Cara a Cara con Dios" en las instalaciones de Falcon en Julio 2, 3, 4 donde tuvimos un buen tiempo para estar en la presencia de Dios, adorandole, alabandole y disfrutar de su poderosa manifestación con mas de 80 jovenes de diferentes Iglesias.

Fue un campamento muy especial ya que el compañerismo y la unidad cristiana por parte de los Jóvenes fue realmente una evidencia de lo que dijo el salmista en el salmo 133, la alabanza y adoración ejecutada por un grupo de adoradores (musicos y cantores) de varias iglesias dirigidos por el Hno Eduardo Gonzales fue una bendicion, los temas de los talleres y las plenarias trajeron momentos de profunda meditacion y respuesta de los jóvenes para buscar un encuentro cara a cara con Dios.

Quiero expresar mi agradecimiento a todos los lideres juveniles y a los pastores que apoyaron a sus jóvenes para que participaran de este 2do campamento juvenil hispano y es el deseo de mi corazon que todos los pastores quieran apoyar a sus jóvenes.

Atentamente Rev. Fernando Angulo

Fine Arts Festival 2005 - Participant Placement

District	Church	First Name	Last Name	Name of Group	National: Placement	Division Code	Competition Code	Category Description
Wilmington	Gateway	Lauryn	Young		1st	C	1.1*	Vocal Solo - Female
Fayetteville	Baywood	Brooke	Beatty		HM	D	1.1*	Vocal Solo - Female
Fayetteville	Mount Carmel	Eric	Carter		3rd	C	1.2*	Vocal Solo - Male
Fayetteville	Stedman	Joseph	Grissom		HM	D	1.2*	Vocal Solo - Male
Raleigh	The Capital			Deep Six	HM	B	2.2	Vocal/Instrumental - Ensemble
Fayetteville	Baywood			Baywood Trio	1st	B	3.1	Vocal Ensemble - Duets, Trios, Quartets
Fayetteville	Stedman			Storm Proof Youth Ensemble	3rd	B	3.2	Vocal Ensemble - Min. 5/Max. 12
Raleigh	The Capital			Capital Church Youth Choir	1st	B	3.3	Vocal Ensemble - Min. 13/No Max
Clinton	Peniel	Katie	Tyndall		1st	C	4.1*	Instrumental Solo - Wind
New Bern	Holly Hill	Brad	Weatherington		1st	D	4.1*	Instrumental Solo - Wind
Clinton	Peniel	Katie	Tyndall		2nd	C	4.2*	Instrumental Solo - Strings, Bowed
Wilmington	Gateway	Aaron	Clark		2nd	C	4.3*	Instrumental Solo - Strings, Plucked
Fayetteville	Culbreth Memorial	Ben	Marley		HM	D	4.3*	Instrumental Solo - Strings, Plucked
Fayetteville	Baywood	Miles	Devane		3rd	D	4.5*	Instrumental Solo - Indefinite Pitch Percussion
Fayetteville	Mount Carmel	David	Carter		1st	C	4.6*	Instrumental Solo - Piano
Clinton	Gospel Tabernacle	Aaron	McCauley		2nd	D	4.6*	Instrumental Solo - Piano
New Bern	Holly Hill			Holly Hill Duet	2nd	B	5.1	Instrumental Ensemble - Duets, Trios, Quartets
New Bern	Holly Hill			Holly Hill Praise Band	1st	B	5.2	Instrumental Ensemble - Min. 5/Max. 12
Fayetteville	Stedman	Brittany	Norton		1st	C	6.1*	Communication Arts - Speech
New Bern	Holly Hill	Emily	Jamieson		1st	D	6.1*	Communication Arts - Speech
Fayetteville	Mount Carmel	Eric	Carter		3rd	C	6.2*	Communication Arts - Short Sermon
Raleigh	The Capital	Chris	Edwards		1st	D	6.2*	Communication Arts - Short Sermon
Clinton	Gospel Tabernacle	Dewayne	Harris		1st	C	6.3*	Communication Arts - Drama (Audible) Individual
Wilmington	Gateway	Katie	Johnson		2nd	D	6.3*	Communication Arts - Drama (Audible) Individual
Wilmington	Gateway			Lauryn Young & Katie Johnson	1st	B	6.4	Communication Arts - Drama (Audible) Two or More
Fayetteville	Stedman	Brittany	Norton		HM	C	6.5*	Communication Arts - Drama (Inaudible-Mime) Individual
Raleigh	Benson	Julieanne	Hollister		2nd	D	6.5*	Communication Arts - Drama (Inaudible-Mime) Individual
Raleigh	The Capital			Lifeguard Drama Team	1st	B	6.6	Communication Arts - Drama (Inaudible-Mime) Two or More
Clinton	Gospel Tabernacle	Laura	Scott		HM	C	6.7*	Communication Arts - Drama (Inaudible-Pantomime) Individual
Fayetteville	Culbreth Memorial	Audrey	Smith		1st	D	6.7*	Communication Arts - Drama (Inaudible-Pantomime) Individual
Fayetteville	Stedman			Dramatic Expressions of Worship	HM	B	6.8	Communication Arts - Drama (Inaudible-Pantomime) Two or More
Clinton	Clinton	Ashley	Coble		HM	C	6 9*	Communication Arts - Interpretive Dance (Classical) Individual
Fayetteville	Baywood	Ashleigh	Devane		HM	D	6.9*	Communication Arts - Interpretive Dance (Classical) Individual
Fayetteville	Stedman			Dramatic Expressions of Worship	1st	B	6.10	Communication Arts - Interpretive Dance (Classical) Two or More
Wilson	Living Waters	Amanda	Evans		3rd	C	6.11*	Communication Arts - Interpretive Dance (Contemporary) Individual
Clinton	Gospel Tabernacle	Hollie	Roberson		1st	C	7.1*	Creative Arts - Painting
Wilmington	Grace Harbor Church	Tres	Tew		1st	C	7.2*	Creative Arts - Graphics
Raleigh	The Capital	Justin	Arthur		3rd	D	7.2*	Creative Arts - Graphics
Fayetteville	Baywood	Spencer	Hubbard		3rd	C	7.4*	Creative Arts - Photography
Raleigh	Benson	Julieanne	Hollister		2nd	D	7.4*	Creative Arts - Photography
Greenville	Greenville First	Courtney	Novrocki		2nd	C	7.5*	Creative Arts - Fabricated Art
Fayetteville	Hope Mills	Anna	Whitfield		3rd	D	7.5*	Creative Arts - Fabricated Art
Wilmington	Grace Harbor Church	Tres	Tew		2nd	C	8.2*	Creative Writing - Fiction
Raleigh	The Capital			Divedeep Productions	2nd	B	9.1	Video

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From the Superintendent

Theme for 2006: "Our Sufficiency Is of God – Therefore…"

–2 Corinthians 3:4-6a

Since 1982, I have sought God for an annual theme. I did this as pastor and then as Evangelism/World Missions director of the North Carolina Conference. The Lord has provided. He continues to do so in the ministry of superintendent.

In 2005, our North Carolina Conference theme was "Yes, Lord." As we have obeyed the Lord and said, "Yes, Lord," miracles have occurred. It has been and will conclude as a great year.

While sitting in Sunday school in the New Bern First Church, under the anointed teaching of Lois Trueblood, the Lord spoke to me about 2006. I had been in prayer for some time about a theme. The primary scripture is 2 Corinthians 3:4-6a: "Such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament…." Through later reflection, our 2006 theme was born: "Our Sufficiency Is of God – Therefore…"

Other Scriptures came readily to mind. Consider these:

"God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:34).

"He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness…" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

God has richly blessed the churches, ministers, and laypersons of the North Carolina Conference. He has been more than sufficient for the future. Over and abundantly has He blessed the churches and each of us. Consider these facts for the North Carolina Conference:

20-Year Blessings

1986	2005
17,000 members	28,000 members
369 ministers	540-plus
156 churches	204 churches
65% no growth	47% no growth
109 members/church	137 members/church
$277,737 clergy tithe	$896,000 clergy tithe
$368,064 general tithe	$993,000 general tithe
Conference budget – 10%	Conference budget – 4%
71 retired	133 retired
$12,500 retirement/month	$33,000 retirement/month
$6/year retirement	$11/year retirement

Therefore we can move forward in confidence to do what He has asked and expects us to do in relationship and ministry – worship, pray, study, win souls, teach, train, disciple, plant churches, etc.

Out of His suffering and through our obedience will flow victory and fruit. Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it ever been perceived what can be done in ministry as we obey Him.

May our obedience be complete in order to have more than enough, for He is more than enough.

In the Old Testament, a blessed event happened. Consider this – "…The people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done – indeed too much" (Exodus 36:6b, 7).

What a thought is this! I live for the day when we could say to the churches – enough. Do not send any more for a season! Our problem has never been God; it is always man's obedience.

Our churches are bulging with the blessings of God. His glory is present. However, He is not there just to bless and reside. May our people serve as a channel or river of grace to flow from His house to the needs of the communities and the world.

He has richly blessed us. Therefore, let us do something about it. Let us be ministers, and able ministers at that!

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Preaching to Connect: An Anthology of Sermons and Practical Insights

James D. Leggett, Editor; Franklin Springs: LifeSprings Resources, 2005. 297 pages (paperback).

Have you ever experienced preaching that didn't connect? An ill-prepared sermon, weak presentation, and an uninspired messenger can affect an audience and leave listeners with little more than noise and wind. Dull preaching is a contradiction in terms. A windbag, an excessively talkative person, inspires no one. A wiseacre, a legend in his own mind, inspires himself. A whiz-bang may startle the listeners but have no lasting effect on life transformation. In these days, people have a right to ask, "Is there a word from God? Is God silent? Does He care? What would God say to us if He had an opportunity?" For people to have a burning desire to hear a preacher, he or she must be very good. How does one define a "good preacher"? What is an excellent sermon? There are as many opinions about good preaching as there are people. All Christians would agree, however, that in these critical times, sound homiletic impact and inspiration are, in fact, the needs of the hour.

Pentecostal Holiness preaching must be synonymous with biblical preaching. The church of the living God as the pillar and ground of truth must honor and support God's truth. In this book, we find different styles of

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sermons and various approaches to sermon preparation. All sermons are not equal. While there are a few fundamentals of preparing sermons, sermon preparation varies from preacher to preacher. What may work for Saul may not work for David. Preaching to Athenians requires a different approach than preaching to the people of Colosse. Knowing what to say and how to say it requires skill, knowledge, and a heavy dose of aspiration and inspiration. All of us would agree that the anointing makes the difference in preaching the Word.

Bishop Leggett as editor has selected 18 well-known and respected preachers, 7 of whom are North Carolina Conference ministers. In all the messages, the Word of God leads to the God of the Word. New preachers will find this book helpful because a good model explains the truth one tries to convey. Experienced preachers will find this book inspiring as they read the pages and allow the Spirit to speak to their hearts through the messages. Laypersons will find many advantages in reading the messages, especially insight as to the great responsibility of the pastor or preacher in preaching faithfully. No doubt, the Bishop's desire is to promote a rebirth of preaching harnessed to the Word and fired by the Holy Spirit. In the preface, he stated, "If the church is to flourish and operate as a Great Commission church, it must renew its commitment to faithful and powerful Bible preaching that connects."

Connecting to one's audience for the purpose of life transformation and motivation requires diligence, prayer, passion, conviction, and unction. In these days of widespread moral blindness, rampant cynicism, worldly attitudes, dull hearing and despairing hearts, people need more than interesting sermons; they need a powerful and engaging Word from the Lord to instruct, reprove, convict, correct, inspire, encourage, comfort, and motivate. The truth of God's Word should ignite the soul of the preacher and then communicate the fire to the people. With a deep sense of urgency, realizing the Word of God is the only hope for the world, let Pentecostal preaching be brought to bear in these last days. After all, eternity hangs in the balance.

Seven Practices of Effective Ministry

by Andy Stanley, Reggie Joiner, and Lane Jones
Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah Publishers. 187 pages (hardback).

Clarity and focus on what one is attempting to accomplish is far more important than one may realize. Like the proverbial magnifying glass on a hot July day, focus is the key to achieving excellence and making an impact in the world today. This is especially true in leadership. Whether it is an uncertain direction, undefined success, or a lack of communication, a failure to clarify produces all sorts of problems. On the other hand, a clear vision, sound communication practices, leaders on the same page, effective listening, and legitimate ways of measuring success can promote growth and more success. Andy Stanley, pastor of North Point Community Church, along with colleagues Reggie Joiner and Lane Jones, have teamed up to write this book about leadership, presenting practices that will energize every part of your ministry.

The seven practices serving as a template for evaluating ministry include (1) Clarify the win. How does one know if he or she is making progress? (2) Think steps, not programs. Where do you want your people to be? (3) Narrow the focus. What is the one thing you can do very well? (4) Teach less for more. Am I communicating to my people effectively? (5) Listen to outsiders. What are the needs of those outside the church? (6) Replace yourself. How am I preparing for the

future? (7) Work on it. How well am I doing?

Using the analogy of the baseball game, the authors first of all explain how these practices work in a successful baseball team. It is not about implementing new and improved programs. It is designed to provide the reader a new lens through which to evaluate existing programs and methodologies of ministry for the purpose of making adjustments designed to improve the overall ministry of the church. To accomplish something larger than ourselves and to see lives changed forever for good are worthy ambitions. These seven practices, as demonstrated by the successful ministry of North Point, can work for all us. Who among us doesn't need to protect the simplicity of the church, keep the staff and volunteers moving in the same direction, create environments that are focused and relevant, and evaluate the success of our ministries and programs? The mission of every church should be to lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

The advantage of this book is that the authors provide easy-to-understand steps for carrying out each of the seven practices. Thoughtful questions are asked to evaluate and help you determine how to improve your game. One statement stands out as a very sobering truth: "Your potential to make an impact with your life is directly related to your willingness to narrow your focus." Devoting a little of yourself to everything means committing a great deal of yourself to nothing. There is power in doing a few things very well. None of us can do all things well, but God has granted each of us certain skills, knowledge, and aspirations that allow us to do one or two things well. According to Stanley, "Ministry becomes diluted because it is flowing in too many different directions." It is possible to do more and accomplish less! Doing more in fewer different directions may accomplish much more than one may realize.

The book, in my opinion, is a must-read for all ministers and laypersons alike. It is far more than an interesting read. It reinforces the bottom line. It provides irreducible minimums in church organization and management. The practices are not church-growth principles, but they will help the church grow. These practices are designed to work in every church. Although you may sometimes think that enough has been written on leadership, and there is nothing new to learn, having heard and read it all, and while we may feel we are experiencing information overload in this computer and World Wide Web age, the information in this book is very helpful and worth the cost and the time it takes to read and study. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out." (Psalm 44:1-2)

Dear Women of God,

A few weeks ago, I was able to attend a family reunion for Daddy's side of the family in Winston-Salem, N.C. It was good to reminisce and to listen as Daddy's brothers and sisters laughed and "carried on" as they told their stories. I was blessed to see family members I hadn't seen since Daddy's death in 1993. What a great reunion!

As fall begins to fill the air, many of you will be having "Homecoming" in your local churches. There'll be so much good food: fried chicken, collards, sweet potatoes, butter beans, and all those wonderful desserts. You will also have families that have a long history with your local congregation visiting the church. People love to tell their stories and remember the saints of old who helped build the church and, in many cases, helped keep the doors open.

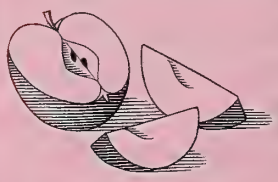
But I believe the church's greatest hour is still ahead, and we are blessed to be a part of this great movement. It's time for us to change traditional thinking and break outside the box if we want to meet the needs of women and girls in our communities. I challenge you to be intentional in looking for new and creative ways to meet needs as you gather for your local Women's Ministries meetings.

Remember, ***"Together We Can Make a Difference!"***

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- Remove grease stains from suede by rubbing the stain with ground oatmeal. Then brush with a wire brush.
- Deodorize food containers: stuff a balled-up piece of newspaper into a lunch box or thermos, seal it, and let it sit overnight. Newspaper is a very absorbent product because it has to soak up ink. That also means it is equipped to absorb all sorts of moisture, including moisture that causes odors.
- Quick kitchen cleanup: instead of peeling fruits and vegetables over a cutting board or into the sink, do it over a plastic bag. When finished, just toss the bag into the garbage.



- Planter filler: Crumple plastic bags to fill the bottom of a large pot that's too deep for your plant, but be sure not to cover the drainage hole in the bottom. You can cut down on the amount of potting soil you need, and since the plastic packs less heft than dirt, moving a big planter won't be as difficult.

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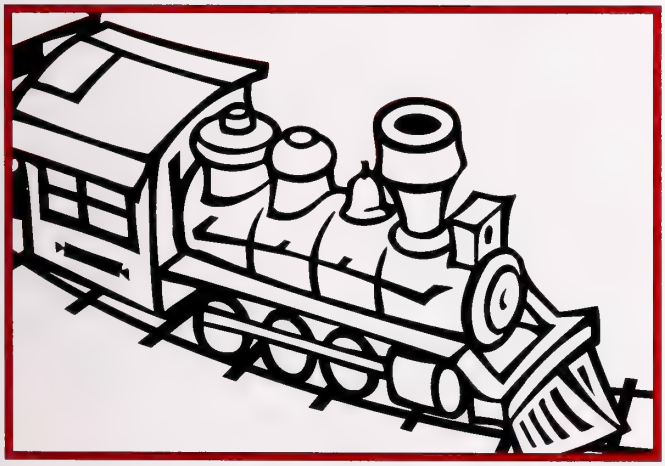
Harvest Train = A Wonderful Christmas!

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

Harvest Train is pure religion, but Harvest Train is a lot more. It is the beginning of a wonderful holiday season. It is the jump-start for the "Christmas Spirit."

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving (November 22), the train will form at Gospel Tabernacle P.H. Church in Dunn, N.C., and travel to Falcon Children's Home with candy, toys, and provisions for those who are less fortunate than most of us.

All those who attend this special event are not only blessed by the smiles of joy on the children's faces, but the program they present for our entertainment can be compared with a professional production. After the program, you will be served a free lunch. Who could ask for anything more?



I challenge you and your church to collect those provisions, toys, and offerings for Harvest Train. Decorate your vehicle, and join the Harvest Train Parade on November 22. You'll be glad you did! Let's make this the best Harvest Train Ever.

(If you can keep a secret, we understand this year's program will be held in the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium!) Come join us.

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2005 Camp Meeting Prayer Time

The following is a list of prayers and scriptures prayed during our morning prayer times.

Monday – The Holy Spirit is calling us to be **God seekers**.

Psalm 27:1-8 – *"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me; therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing; yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.* ***When thou saidst, Seek ye my face my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek****."*

Psalm 63:1-4 – *"O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name."*

Proverbs 8:17 – *"I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me."*

Amos 5:4 – *"For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live."*

Praying the Scriptures

Psalm 18:1-19 – The Lord is our rock, fortress, deliverer, and our strength in whom we will trust.
Psalm 47 – God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
Joshua 3:5, 6 – God is looking for sanctification today and every day.
Ephesians 3:14-17 – That we be grounded in love (*Agape* love).
Ephesians 3:18-21 – That we would be filled with the fullness of God. Unto Him be glory in the church.
Jeremiah 32:17-19 – There is nothing too hard for God.

Tuesday – The Holy Spirit directed us to **draw near to God**.

Hebrews 10:19-25 – *"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God;* ***Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith****, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

Psalm 3:3 – *"But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head."*

Proverbs 2:1-6 – *"My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou* ***incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding****; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."*

Proverbs 3:5, 6 – *"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."*

Declarations made

Luke 18:1 – Important to have a prayer life.
2 Chronicles 7:14 – *"If my people, called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray."*
Jeremiah 33:3 – Ask of me, and I will show you great and might things.
Exodus 15 – Moses' prayer.
Philippians 2:13 – To do of His good pleasure.
Prayed: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.
Deuteronomy 28:3 – We are blessed in the city and blessed in the field. We are blessed and highly favored.
1 Peter 2:9 – We are chosen, set apart.
Hebrews 12:2 – *"Lord, You are the author and finisher of our faith."*

Wednesday – The Holy Spirit led us to pray for the Church **to form a shield of unity** so the enemy will not have an access.

Psalm 121:3, 5, 7, 8 – *"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.* ***The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore****."*

Hebrews 13:7 – "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

Remember those that have ruled over you. Pray for those in authority – Honorable Bishop Leggett, all members of the board and their families, Bishop Thompson, conference board, CE Leaders, senior pastors, assistant pastors, and music ministers, and all their families.

Hebrews 13:17-24 – Obey them that have rule over you and submit to them, for they watch over you.

Thursday – The Holy Spirit led us to pray, "**Arise, O Lord**."

Psalm 3:3, 4, 7, 8 – *"But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the LORD with my voice and He heard me out of His holy hill. Selah. Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheekbone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon they people. Selah."*

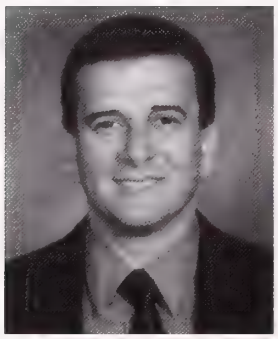
Psalm 4: 6, 7 – *"There be many that say, Who will show us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased."*

Prayer – We love you, O Lord. You have answered our prayer; You are our God; we want to please You.

Answer of the Lord – "Be still in His presence; enjoy His presence as He arises within us."

Utterance in a tongue (interpretation) – "Be still; stand fast; be steadfast; be unmovable and unshakable, for I am God. Occupy, occupy, occupy. Be still and know that I am God. Occupy, occupy. Arise, arise, arise. I have empowered you to occupy."

This year, we had more participation in our morning prayer time than in prior years. There were 30 or more people gathered for our time of prayer.



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Compartiendo la Carga de la Obra

Números 11:29 dice: "Y Moisés le respondió: Tienes tu celos por mí? Ojalá todo el pueblo de Jehová fuese profeta, y que Jehová pusiera su espíritu sobre ellos."

Aquí encontramos no sólo lo que Moisés deseaba en un momento de crisis y necesidad de liderazgo en el pueblo de Israel, sino también expresa la necesidad de que en la iglesia hayan más y más personas sirviendo en posiciones de liderazgo y que cada miembro ocupe su lugar para el ministerio.

Hablando específicamente del liderazgo en nuestras iglesias locales, sabemos muy bien que el pastor no puede hacer todas las cosas ni debe tener una actitud que se oponga al desarrollo y buena función de los miembros, para que cada uno haga su parte en reino de Dios.

Una de las tareas del pastor es **encontrar líderes**, **entrenarlos** y **ponerlos a servir**; por lo que una buena parte de nuestra observación y atención en la iglesia es ayudar a cada persona a saber cuales son sus dones, talentos y sobre todo el llamado de Dios para ocupar una posición de servicio dentro del cuerpo de creyentes.

Como líderes tenemos un llamado de equipar a otros líderes, nuestro trabajo es equipar gente para servir y dirigir áreas dentro de la obra de Dios. Aunque cuidamos la gente en las iglesias, la manera más efectiva de hacerlo es cuando hay una extensión de nosotros mismos como pastores por medio de otros para ministrar a toda la congregación. Realmente estamos ministrando a las necesidades de la gente mejor, si lo hacemos por medio de otros a quienes reconocemos y enviamos a hacer la tarea.

En el capítulo 11 de Números encontramos a Moisés, dos años después de haber salido de Egipto con su pueblo; llevando una pesada carga. Note la expresión de Moisés cuando habló con Dios acerca del pueblo de Israel. "...Que has puesto la carga de todo este pueblo sobre mí? (Números 11:11). "No puedo yo solo soportar a todo este pueblo, que me es pesado en demasía." (Números 11:14).

La gente era como niños llorones que no estaban satisfacehos con nada. Al describir la iglesia hoy, no necesariamente podemos decir que eran como el pueblo de Israel en aquella ocasión, pero si podemos decir que hay mucha necesidad, grandes desafios y tremendos problemas que solo pueden ser enfrentados con la sabiduría de Dios y la unción del Espíritu Santo por medio de varios otros miembros y líderes que serán la ayuda para el pastor. Por eso una de las prioridades de cada pastor es la de **formar líderes** para que lleven la carga, compartan el liderazgo y administren la obra de Dios en una forma más efectiva.

Note la respuesta de Dios a Moisés tocante a su queja: "...Reúneme setenta varones de los ancianos de Israel, que tu sabes que son ancianos del pueblo y sus principales; y tráelos a la puerta del Tabernáculo de reunión, y esperen allí contigo. Y yo descenderé y hablaré allí contigo, y tomaré del espíritu que esta en ti, y pondré en ellos; y llevarán contigo la carga del pueblo, y no la llevarás tú solo." (Números 11:16,17)

Permítame compartir unos pasos sencillos para que nosotros como pastores estemos activos y realmente ocupados en colocar líderes en posiciones de trabajo en la iglesia y así "llevarán ellos la carga del pueblo" contigo.

1. Como pastor debe observar y estar atento a la necesidades del pueblo de Dios. Estas no deben ser tomadas para cargarnos de angustia, sino movernos a la acción para encontrar soluciones, muy especialmente por medio de otros personas. Estas necesidades deben ser estudiadas a la luz de la visión que Dios te ha dado para la iglesia y las prioridades bíblicas del reino de Dios.
2. No permita ser paralizado por lo inmenso o desafiante de la tarea, cambie de actitud y vea la situación como la oportunidad para hacer algo que quizás no ha hecho todavía y que dará resultados. Un ejemplo de esto está en Hechos 6 con la elección de los siete diáconos. Es cierto que el crecimiento y las necesidades trajeron tensión y demanda, pero también la creatividad y sobre todo la guía del Espíritu Santo en poner gente en posiciones de servicio que solucionaron el problema.
3. Debes orar por líderes, gente en posición y más obreros. Al orar está involucrado el deseo de que haya más gente ayudándote; este deseo debe ser intenso. También la oración le ayudará a formar una conciencia de preparación y organización, de manera que por adelantado podrás reunir los recursos, materiales y estrategias a cerca de cómo prepararar a esos nuevos líderes y en dónde los pondrás a servir.
4. Según el número de personas que hay en tu iglesia, debes de saber o tener suficiente conocimiento de ellos. Note que uno de los requisitos de Dios para Moisés fue conocer a la gente. "...Que tú **sabes** que son ancianos del pueblo..." (Núm. 11:16). Como pastores debemos saber quienes son, cuáles son sus dones y anhelos de servicio, cual es el nivel de compromiso con Dios, la iglesia y su propia familia. En esto de "saber" no caben las preferencias, ni la conveniencia. Poner personas en posiciones de liderazgo solo porque aportan mucho dinero, son familiares o nos caen bien; a la larga no será una decisión posititiva.

Sé que hay muchas cosas que se podrían decir sobre el tema, pero el tiempo y el espacio no me lo permiten. Por ahora deseo compartir el hecho de que debemos seguir el ejemplo de Jesús. Aunque él predicaba, enseñaba, viajaba, sanaba a los enfermos y hacia muchos otros bienes, su tarea principal era la de entrenar sus discípulos, porque ellos continuarían con la obra que Dios le había encargado. Pastor, sus actividades deben incluir una buena porción de tiempo y recursos en la de identificar, preparar y enviar líderes a la obra de Dios.

Sharing the Burden of the Work

Numbers 11:29 says, "Then Moses said to him, are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"

Here we find not only what Moses wanted in a moment of crisis and necessity for leadership in the people of Israel, but also an expression of the necessity in the church for more and more people to serve in positions of leadership and for each member to occupy his or her place in ministry.

Speaking about leadership in our local churches, we know very well that the pastor cannot do all the things; neither should the pastor have an attitude against the development and good functioning of the members, such that each one does his or her part in the Kingdom of God.

One of the functions of the pastor is to **find leaders**, **train them**, and **place them in service**. A good part of our observation and attention in the church is to help people know what are their gifts, talents, and, mainly, their call from God in order to occupy a position of service within the body of believers.

We, as leaders, have a call to equip other leaders; our work is to equip people in order to serve and direct areas of the work of God. Although we look after people in the churches, the most effective way of doing so is to extend ourselves as pastors by means of another person for ministry to the whole congregation. Really, we will minister to the needs of the people if we work through another member whom we recognize and send to do the work.

In chapter 11 of Numbers we find Moses, two years after having left Egypt with his people, bearing a heavy load. Notice the expression of Moses when he spoke with God about the people of Israel: "...You have laid the burden of all these people on me?" (Numbers 11:11) "I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me" (Numbers 11:14).

The people were like whining children who cannot be satisfied with anything. In describing the church today, one cannot necessarily say they are like the people of Israel on that occasion, but one can say there are many needs, big challenges, and tremendous problems that can be faced only with the wisdom of God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, by means of several other members and leaders helping the pastor. For that reason, one of the priorities of each pastor is the idea of **forming leaders** so that they take the burden, share the leadership, and administer the work of God in a more effective way.

Notice God's answer to Moses concerning his complaint: "...Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you **know** to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone." (Numbers 11: 16,17)

Let me share some simple steps so that we as pastors can be active in placing leaders in positions of work in the church and so "they shall bear the burden of the people with you."

1. As a pastor, you should observe and be attentive to the needs of the church and your community. This should not be done in order to burden us with anguish, but to move us to action in order to find solutions, especially by means of other people. These needs should be studied in light of the vision God has given you for the church and the biblical priorities of the Kingdom of God.
2. Don't allow yourself to be paralyzed by the immensity of the work or defiant of the work. Change your attitude and see the situation as an opportunity to do something that maybe has not yet been done, and you will get results. An example of this is in Acts 6 with the election of the seven deacons. It is true that growth and necessity brought tension and demands, but with the creativity and guidance of the Holy Spirit in putting people in positions of service, they also solved the problem.
3. You should pray for leaders, people in position, and more workers. In praying, desire that there be more people helping you. This desire should be intense. Also, prayer will help you to form a conscience to prepare and organize, so that you will gather in advance the resources, materials, and strategies to prepare those new leaders and know where they will begin to serve.
4. According to the number of people in your church, you should **know** or have enough knowledge about them. Notice that one of God's requirements for Moses was to know the people: "...whom you know to be the elders of the people..." (Num. 11:16). We as pastors should know who they are, what their gifts are and their desire for service, also what is their level of commitment to God, the church, and their own family. In this, "**know**" doesn't mean to fit preferences or convenience: putting people in positions of leadership because they contribute much money, because they are family, or because we are pleased with them won't be a good decision in the long run.

I know there are many things we could say on this topic, but time and space don't let me do it. But I want to share the fact that we should follow the example of Jesus. Although he preached, taught, traveled, healed sick persons, and did other good works, his main task was to train his pupils because they would continue the work God had entrusted to Him. Pastor, your activities should include a good portion of time and resources devoted to identifying, preparing, and sending leaders to do the work of God.

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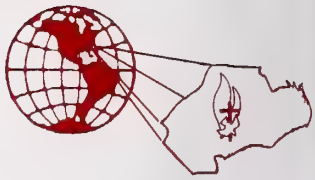

J. Danny Nelson, Director

Fall District Conferences

We have now completed our fall district conferences, in which the different ministries of our conference cast vision and challenge our pastors and churches for the coming year. Indeed, 2005 has been a great year with great things accomplished for the kingdom, and we still have three months to go.

➢ By the conclusion of this year, we will have reached 50 Hispanic congregations, which was our goal by May 2006. To God be the glory! Now we can aim for 100.

➢ In the last several months, we have started making initial contacts with black pastors and congregations. I trust and pray that this effort will lead to genuine fellowship and working together, perhaps even to black congregations joining the umbrella of the IPHC. I am praying for a working, growing, and meaningful relationship with black pastors, ministers, and congregations. Brother Brian Perry, who is credentialed as a licensed minister and attends Mount Carmel church in Fayetteville, is our liaison/contact person.

➢ Also, by the end of the fall season, we will have started initial work on two Anglo plants. This is truly exciting as we see what God is doing.

2006 Conference Theme

The conference superintendent has set before us this thought and challenge as our theme for 2006: *"Our Sufficiency Is of God – Therefore…"* If God is our sufficiency, how do we then respond to this promise and challenge? As I thought about how Evangelism/Missions would develop a subtheme to the conference theme, the Holy Spirit dealt with me from 1 Samuel 17, where David had two conversations, with King Saul and then with Goliath. I was introduced to a motto/statement by William Carey, the father of modern missions: *"Expect Great Things From God and Attempt Great Things for God."* Carey made this statement in 1791. He spent seven years in India before seeing his first convert, and yet he remained true to the above motto. "Expect Great Things From God and Attempt Great Things for God" is indeed a great response to the fact that "our sufficiency is of God." In 1 Samuel 17:36, 37, David said to Saul, "Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." Moreover, David said, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!" David indeed expected and received great blessings and victories from God; however, this expectation of the sufficiency of God to deliver victory into his hands also drove him to "attempt great things for God." In verses 45, 46, and 48, David said to Goliath, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine."

Tremendous challenges and possibilities lie ahead of us in the months and year. I am, again, excited at the prospects!

Faith Church

On Sunday, August 28, a very special service took place at the Faith Church in Greenville. It was a transitional service. For 34 years, God has used Faith Church to bless many lives; however, the time came for a retooling and refocus. This church is located

Mary Catherine & Hudson Spain with their father, Reggie, presenting the money they collected for the Faith Church renovations to Danny Nelson.

in a key area of Greenville; it is a prime piece of property with an excellent facility. In the next several months, Faith will undergo a facelift, and we will treat it as a church plant. I am including a picture taken on August 28 of two special children who had a desire to see the facility undergo physical improvement. If God works in the hearts of children to contribute to kingdom work, then I believe this is a "God Thing," and He will supply the resources to complete the task. God is inviting us to join Him in what He will do in 2006. If we do not respond, God will continue to move on without us; He will work through people who respond to what the Holy Spirit will do in 2006.

Missions Giving

2005 is continuing to shape up as our greatest year ever in Missions endeavors. I give praise to God and thank my pastors and churches. When our total missions giving through July 2005 is compared to the same time period in 2004, we are over $70,000 ahead. The people of this conference continue to respond to the challenge and work of World Missions Ministries.

Our Global Outreach 2005 response has been great, with $268,245.46 pledged and given to this point. With 100 percent participation – every church contributing – I believe by December 31, we will reach and surpass our goal of $295,000.

Pictured below is Brother John Owens of the Westmoreland Church in Wilson. Brother John is shown presenting to Pastor Jerry Nelson a gift of $500 to the GO effort. Brother John is a man of frugal means, yet a man who loves God and missions. Secularly speaking, Brother John could not afford to do this, yet he took a step of faith and responded to the challenge. Thank you, Brother John, and God bless you!

Brother John Owens and Pastor Jerry Nelson

New World Missions Executive Director

Dr. Doug Beacham

At the recent General Conference, you elected a new WMM executive director, Dr. Doug Beacham. I look forward to working with Dr. Beacham as he leads WMM. Our greatest days lie ahead of the IPHC as we continue to fulfill the "Divine Marching Orders" to the church, issued by the Lord at His ascension to heaven.

Global Outreach Celebration

I have included two pictures of the Global Outreach celebration on Sunday night, August 14. We had in excess of 900 people present, and, indeed, it was a great time of worship and celebration. One picture shows the use of a boat to receive the special offering that night; the boat represents the fact that we are to throw out the lifeline to a world groping for God. In the offering, we received over $8,200. Praise God! The second picture is of retired missionary (yet still a local missions director) Louise Smith receiving a plaque of appreciation from Rev. Moses Kumar, a leader in the IPHC in India. Moses is one of Miss Louise's "spiritual children" in the faith. It was indeed a moving and special moment in the service.

Rev. Moses Kumar presenting heartfelt gratitude & a hand-carved plaque to Rev. Louise Smith

I close this article by thanking you for all you do in Evangelism/ WMM; it is all *an investment in eternity!*

Letting down the net... Receiving the GO offering

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In the Midst of the Storm

In 1999, storms raged through our state and left behind more water than the rivers could hold. Hurricane Floyd hit, damaging 80,000 homes and killing 51 people in North Carolina. Sixty-seven counties were declared disaster areas by then-President Clinton. Our backyards looked like rivers. People were terrified and knew not what to do. People began to come together in support for each other. Churches opened their doors and took people in. People called upon God for strength, and He came through. Some people found a relationship with Christ, but sadly, as things slowly returned to normal, the majority of them slipped back into everyday habits, leaving God behind. (www.disastercenter.com/hurricf9.htm)

Then in 2001, the unthinkable happened. Terrorists struck our nation. Caught by surprise, we didn't have a clue what to do. Five thousand were murdered in the airplane attacks. Here again, people came together to help one another. Forty-nine percent of Americans gave to charities to reach out to the survivors and families of the victims. Polls report that 84 percent offered a special prayer for those affected by the 9/11 attacks. This tragedy rallied Americans and drew us together. People gathered in churches and called upon God for strength. Some people found a relationship with Christ, but sadly, as things slowly returned to normal, the majority of them slipped back into everyday habits, leaving God behind. (www.norc.uchicago.edu/projects/reaction/pubresp.pdf)

Now our nation is facing the aftermath of yet another disaster. Hurricane Katrina pounded the Gulf Coast. As of this writing, 20,000 people have been reported missing. New Orleans is uninhabitable. Twelve states have experienced damage. Only time will reveal the vast extent of the destruction unleashed by Katrina. Once again, people are coming together to support and help one another. People are calling on God for strength and refuge. And God is still here for us. (http://en.wikipedia/org/widi/Hurricane-Katrina)

2 Chronicles 7:14 reminds us, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Truly, our nation has much to repent for; truly, our land needs healing.

Psalm 91 talks about God being our refuge. This psalm expresses the security of those who trust fully in God. It assures us that God will be our refuge and that we may seek His protection in times of spiritual and physical danger.

It doesn't matter what kind of storms they may be or where they may hit. Whether it is a physical storm like Floyd or Katrina, an enemy attack like 9/11, or emotional upheaval that floods souls across our nation, God is our Fortress and our Deliverer.

The storms of life affect all of us. Let us examine ourselves and make sure that God is where He needs to be within our hearts and lives. Only then can we pour out His love and grace to those who are in the middle of storms that threaten to consume them.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9, Jesus says this: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Let our prayer be that through this latest disaster wrought by Hurricane Katrina, people will be drawn to God and ***remain there*** in the unshakable refuge of His Love.

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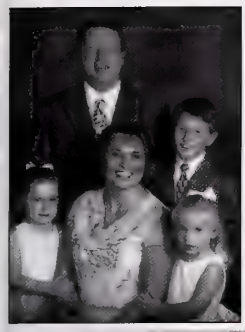

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North Carolina Conference Royal Rangers Campground

As we gathered on that cold March day at what has truly become the focus of my service for Him, my mind vividly recalls the sense of excitement in the voices of those who had gathered to begin casting the vision of what will become the North Carolina Conference Royal Rangers Campground.

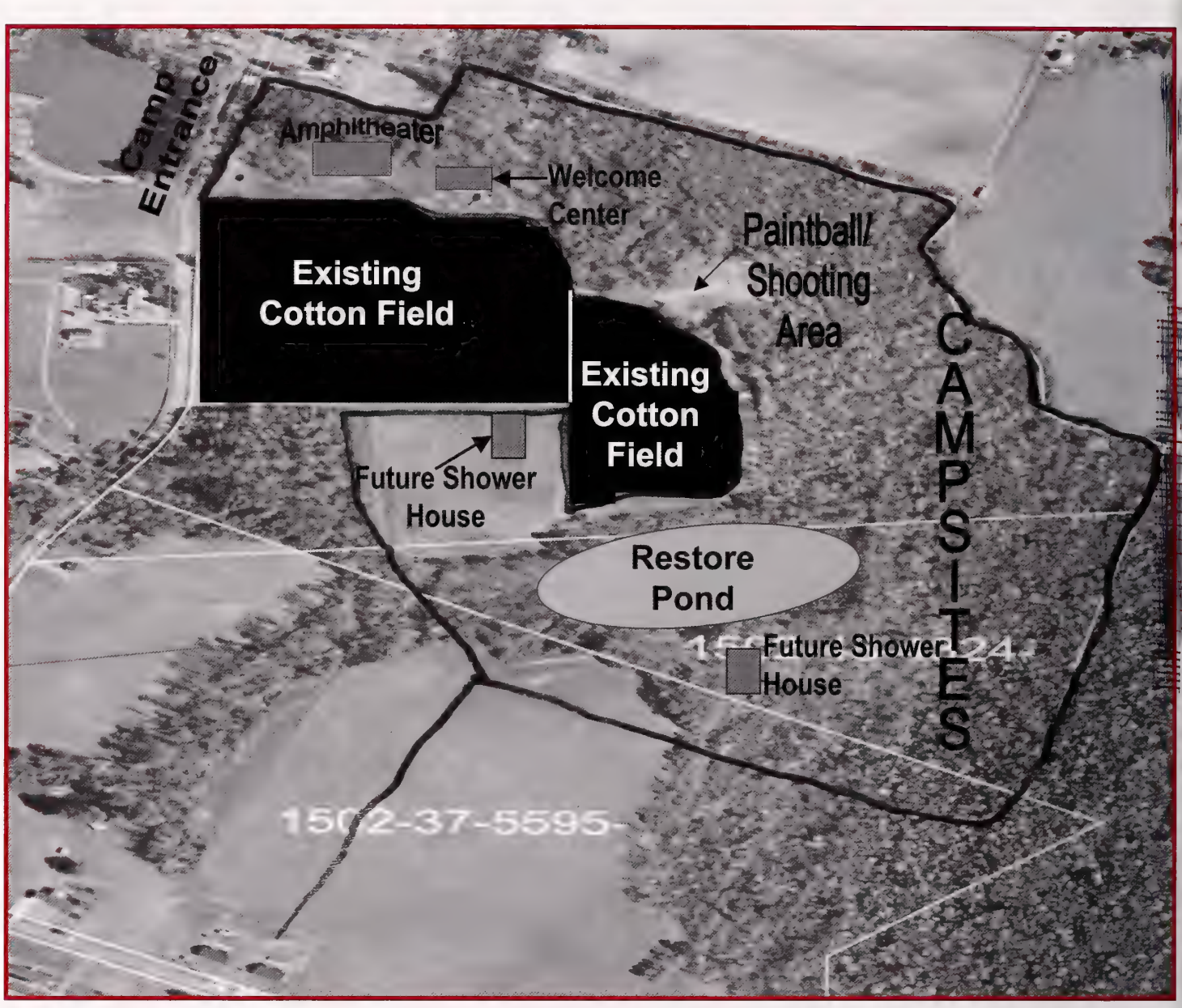
As we walked through the towering pines, I could, in my mind, hear the chatter coming from the lake that is to be reconstructed, the sound of boys laughing as they swam and canoed with their fellow Ranger buddies. As we walked to the camping area for the various districts, I could smell the aroma of bacon cooking, as a boy cooked his first meal over an open campfire. In the distance, I could here the crackle of gunfire and the yell of a young Ranger boy as he hit a bull's eye at the rifle range for the first time.

As we circled back toward our parked vehicles, I could see a boy about five feet short of ringing the bell at the top of the rock wall. As he stopped, I could hear a Ranger commander calmly telling him he could reach the top, to keep trying, not to give up. As he looked back upward toward the bell, he could hear the other Ranger boys encouraging him. As he finally rang the bell, I recall, as he turned and looked downward, the smile of satisfaction in knowing he had done it.

As we continued, we passed the area that will become the most important area at the camp. I could hear the music and songs as men continued to lead boys to that ultimate goal of knowing the Master Ranger, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I could hear the word of God as it was preached with confidence and boldness under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Then, of all the things my mind could see, I saw boys coming forth from that gathering to meet with the man of God as he again continued to encourage them to press forward. Then, with uplifted hands and some tears, commanders began to walk them down that old Roman road that had been traveled just the year before by another group of men and boys. Oh, the thought of the difference that these future men of God will make boggles the imagination.

Now, as I sit here and write this article some seventeen months later, I can still see all these things in my mind. Donations and materials are starting to come in. Men and women have made commitments of their time and talents to help build the various facilities that will be needed to host such events. I am not discouraged by the amount of time that has elapsed since that cold March day. My heart is encouraged by what will surely be, by His hand and in His perfect timing. To find out how you may help, visit our web site at www.nccampground.whitleychurch.com or contact Rev. Charles Boyd at 910-980-1162.

In His Service,
Commander Jim Gillikin



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I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."

–Psalms 69:30

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

"New" J.A. Culbreth Memorial Auditorium

Lord willing, on Tuesday, November 22, 2005, Harvest Train Day, the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium will be dedicated. The service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., immediately before the regular Falcon Children's Home Harvest Train service at 11:00 a.m. It will be a glorious day!

The new auditorium is a beautiful building. It will seat nearly twice the number as the sanctuary of the old building. In addition, there are several meeting rooms and abundant restrooms. (The old building has none.) The cost is more than 2.6 million dollars. However, the purpose of this article is not to talk about the building (that will come later) but the man after whom the building is named.

The Man – Julius Ainslie Culbreth

Julius A. Culbreth was born December 8, 1871, and died February 14, 1950. Before Culbreth, there was no Falcon, no orphanage, no school, and no camp meeting. He admitted before his death that he literally put Falcon on the map.

He moved to the Falcon area at the age of 10 from Sampson County. A new post office was being established and discussed at his father's store. When asked about a name, he noticed a box of Falcon brand pens on a shelf. "Let's call it Falcon," he said. Falcon it became.

According to his own testimony, he was born again in 1896, sanctified holy and dedicated for service. He was sanctified in a tent in Dunn, North Carolina, under the preaching of Rev. A. B. Crumpler. Due to his love for the community of Falcon, he built a prayer tabernacle there in 1898. It was eight-sided and built to match a tent. It was for the purpose of prayer and to preach holiness/sanctification as a way of life. The Octagon Tabernacle, or, as it was called then, the Little Tabernacle, still stands. It was built from trees felled by a tornado. In 1911, this was the site of the birthplace of the present International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In 1900, Culbreth would plan, lead, and sponsor a summer camp meeting. This was the beginning of the Falcon Camp Meeting. In gratitude to God for healing his wife, Venie, of appendicitis, he would begin the camp meeting, and he gave the first missions offering of $250. As a result, thousands have been fed and filled, and holy influences of the Falcon Camp Meeting have spread around the world. It started as a holiness camp meeting and in 1907 also became Pentecostal. Culbreth led and managed the camp meeting until 1943. Remember, he was just a layman!

In 1902, Culbreth and his wife opened the nondenominational Falcon Holiness School. This was the first rural high school in Cumberland County. Many of its graduates have filled honorable and holy callings and rendered valuable service in this county and abroad. The high school continued until 1942. The elementary division continued until 1954.

In 1909, Culbreth began the Falcon orphanage, now called Falcon Children's Home. He served as superintendent of the home for thirty years until his retirement in 1945, when he became superintendent emeritus.

While associated with the orphanage, he worked for several years as a bank clerk in Dunn and also with the Cotton Growers Cooperative Association in Raleigh. His leadership in this area brought him national recognition.

On April 7, 1943, he transferred the Falcon Children's Home to the Pentecostal Holiness Church with the obligation that it perpetuate the home. It was from his means that the orphanage survived until 1943.

It was with a heart of love that he deeded his property to the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1943. He donated all the assets for which he had labored 45 years to acquire. He also transferred the management of the Falcon Camp Meeting to the North Carolina Conference Board in 1943.

The building he built in 1898 would later become a church, the third church of the Pentecostal Holiness denomination. The church is named in his honor – the Culbreth Memorial Church, Falcon.

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In April 1910, J. A. Culbreth served on a committee of three appointed as representatives from the Pentecostal Holiness Church. They met with a committee of five from the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church for the purpose of considering of consolidation. This committee met in the Octagon Tabernacle. Their report was approved that year in the Kinston convention. Mr. Culbreth, serving as secretary of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, was appointed as the third member of another committee of three to draw up a complete discipline covering the main points for consolidation of the two churches.

In January 1911, Mr. Culbreth was also elected as secretary pro tem for the consolidation meeting of the two groups. After the consolidation, Mr. Culbreth was unanimously elected as the general treasurer of the newly formed organization.

Venie Irene Bizzell, his first wife, died 16 days after they had conveyed all their personal assets to the Pentecostal Holiness Church. On September 8, 1945, Mr. Culbreth married for the second time. The new Mrs. Culbreth was the former Miss Mollie Thornton.

The role that J. A. Culbreth has played in the Pentecostal Holiness Church can very easily be substantiated by a visit to Falcon, North Carolina. The top of his mausoleum in the Falcon Memorial Cemetery is engraved with the miracles of God in his life. Few laymen have had more influence on the development in the early and mid-stages of the church work than Julius Ainslie Culbreth.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
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Tally Ho the Fox: The Foundation for Building World-Visionary, World-Impacting, Reproducing Disciples

by Herb Hodges.
Memphis, TN: Spiritual Life Ministries. 206 pages.

Many churches have a giant, underdeveloped "labor pool" in their memberships called Christians who, if born again, have all received a spiritual gift or, most probably, several spiritual gifts. If it is true in many churches that 20 percent of the church members are doing the work of the ministry while 80 percent watch them work, then something needs to change. Many a pastor has worn himself out trying to motivate members to become ministers and get to work doing ministry for others.

The typical Christian is unemployed by Christ's standards and desperately in need of getting on with the biblical tasks at hand. How to do this is what this book is about. It is a refreshing approach to understanding the dynamics of discipleship, and a help to the pastor for how to get the members not just busy for Jesus, but doing the will of God through their spiritual gifts. Hodges wrote, "The typical Christian church meets Sunday by Sunday in an auditorium, and its members are individual auditors forming part of a listening audience. The typical church is jammed with pew potatoes whose only intent is to come to church, listen to a sermon, and go away, hoping that this course will help to privately smuggle their souls to heaven and help them to have a reasonably comfortable life on the way. Any resemblance between this lifestyle and the Christian life pictured in the New Testament is purely coincidental." Is there any wonder we need to get back to the Bible and back to ministry basics?

The term *disciple* means learner or pupil. Christians who are disciples of Jesus Christ are learners and adherents to the teachings of their Master. The first-century evangelistic team operated according to the teachings of Christ, and it was very effective in reaching souls for Christ. Jesus commanded the church to turn people into disciples. Disciple-making, which includes reproduction and spiritual development, is the primary work of the Church of Jesus Christ. How does one find more disciples? How are disciples trained to make an impact upon the world of today?

The author presents new perceptions, new participation, and new productivity in fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. He gives a clarion call for believers to see things from God's point of view. Vision is getting on your heart what God has on His. What is God concerned about these days? How are we supposed to occupy our time according to the wisdom of God? Is there a difference between the Christianity that produced the Book of Acts and our kind of Christianity?

The book is an excellent source for all believers to understand the mandate of discipleship.

You may have wondered what was the significance of the fox in the title. When hounds run in packs, they will do one or more of four things: (1) They will sleep; (2) They will secure their own survival; (3) They will, if unthreatened, accept new members to the pack; (4) They will fight among themselves. Does this sound familiar to anyone? All of these things will occur with dogs ... until the fox goes by! When Christians run in packs, they will do one or more of those four things too! One lady called her pastor at 3 a.m. and said, "Pastor, I have a major problem. I have a dreadful case of insomnia, and can't sleep at all. Would you mind preaching to me a little while?"

What is the fox for the church? The Big Fox is total world impact through disciple-making. The church must chase the Big Fox until Jesus comes. Tally-Ho, my friends! Sound the bugle. Let's go!

Elders in Congregational Life: Rediscovering the Biblical Model for Church Leadership

by Phil A. Newton. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications. 176 pages.

Biblical ecclesiology has taken on new significance and in some areas a new meaning in the past few years as believers attempt to come to terms with

how God's church is supposed to operate. We have all heard that if we organize and build it God's way, we will have God's blessing. Suppose Noah had gotten tired of working with the pitch and decided to work with a substitute? Anyone knows that as long as the boat is in the water, everything is fine, but let water get into the boat, and trouble brews. Noah obeyed God's instruction to the letter, and the rest is history.

Do we have a right to operate God's church from an independent view? Do we have a right to administer the functions of the Church a different way than the original New Testament model? Times change, but do biblical principles change with those times? Newton calls church leaders to reexamine the leadership model of the church, and encourages them to operate from a plurality of elders who, in the early days of the church, functioned as representatives of the church. The work of preaching the Gospel, strengthening the disciples, and encouraging them in the face of tribulations belonged to the elders (Acts 14:21, 22).

Newton wrote, "I know what it is to stand alone in a congregation. It is a difficult and trying time when a pastor is seeking to follow the teaching of God's Word and there is no crowd rushing to join him. But how marvelous and uplifting it is to have like-minded and like-purposed brethren standing with you. It breathes encouragement into any Christian leader's heart." Virtually every pastor knows what he means!

Why do we need elders and deacons? (1) It's the New Testament church's pattern; (2) It assures congregations of well-rounded, balanced ministry; (3) It meets diverse congregational needs through functioning in plurality; (4) It strengthens the church's unity and efficiency. All would agree that God never intended for the work of the church to be done by a professional or even a group of professionals. Ego-boosting and power-grabbing are not the work of the Holy Spirit. No one person can do all that needs to be done. All members of the Body of Christ have a function, and when all members use their spiritual gifts, and the church operates according to the biblical framework, God will bless.

The book is thoroughly biblical. Questions are presented at the end of each chapter for reflection and discussion. It would make an excellent resource for brief studies prior to the official business of the Board. It is more than food for thought. It challenges the mind and the heart of the Christian. God will speak to you as you read and study the pages of the publication. Happy Reading!

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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Patsy's Paragraphs

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

Dear Women of Faith,

This is the verse of scripture that the Lord laid on my heart during the round of Fall District Conferences, and many of you were in agreement with what was said. But because this is so strong on my heart, I decided to use this opportunity to share with everyone who reads this page how the Lord is moving.

The weekend of September 9 and 10, the NCWM Board traveled to historic Warrenton, NC, and stayed at the beautiful Bed & Breakfast called The Ivy. (Ellen Roth and her husband, Jerry, owners, are members of the New Covenant PH Church in Warrenton.) Our purpose was to "get away" for a time of ***Vision Casting*** for Women's Ministries. We were able to slow down and relax and prayerfully seek the Lord's direction for the future of Women's Ministries.

NCWM Secretary/Treasurer Marjorie Teachey shared a timely devotion from the first chapter of Joshua, which laid the foundation for our thought patterns for this meeting. One thought: "Moses is dead; quit mourning the past." Women's Ministries has to move forward; we can't keep living in the past and doing what we've always done. There are some things we need to keep, while there are others we need to leave behind. We have a wonderful evangelistic tool through Women's Ministries to reach women and young girls for the Lord.

Food for thought: Women's Ministries is not about one meeting a month, but about building relationships during the month. We, the NCWM Board, would like to encourage you to seek the Lord's direction for how you can minister to those in your circle of influence. (Put a note in your child's lunch box; send Brother Pastor a card of encouragement; send your spouse a sweet love note; call your neighbor and invite him or her to lunch, not because you have to, but because you want to.) What a blessing!

Last but not least, as you gather with your family this Thanksgiving, may the blessings of the Lord overpower your mind. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy" & The NCWM Board

POTPOURRI...

- When storing tomato sauce, spray your plastic container with nonstick cooking spray first. This prevents the red sauce from staining the container and makes cleanup easier.
- Prevent raw potatoes from sprouting buds by tossing them into your refrigerator produce bin – along with one apple.

- To soften brown sugar, just add a crust of bread and reseal your container. The brown sugar will soften right up.
- Ever have trouble remembering which way to turn a screw? Remember this old saying, "Lefty Lucy, Righty Tighty." It works!

Sharing Sisters Enjoy Fellowship

The Oak Ridge and Hope Mills Women's Ministries enjoyed a Sharing Sisters get-together on Wednesday, September 7. They met at the Sandpiper Restaurant in Fayetteville. The Oak Ridge Women's Ministries director, Vickie Hayes, presented a devotion on a topic to which all women can relate: *"Shoes."* During the devotion, we took an interesting and humorous walk through the comparison between our Christian lives and shoes. We had a wonderful evening of fun, games, food, and fellowship.

Submitted by Manuela Hayes,
Oak Ridge WM Secretary/Treasurer

Morehead City Women's Ministries District Rally

The Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church was the setting for the Morehead City District W.M. Rally on Friday, August 25. The theme was "Back to School With Jesus." All local churches brought school supplies for Operation Teaching Tools. District Director Gale Taylor welcomed everyone and then recognized all local W.M. directors by giving them a special gift. She also had a very special gift for Mrs. Patsy Deese and Rose Boyd.

The Smyrna drama team did an outstanding drama presentation, which ushered in the presence of the Lord.

NCWM Conference Director Mrs. Patsy Deese introduced Rose Boyd as the special guest speaker. Rose brought us a message from 1 Samuel 1:16 expounding on the promises of God: God gives life, and we must worship and trust Him, and we must believe that He will direct our children. Hannah was childless, but she poured out her agony before God, and God answered her prayer. She conceived and had a son. When he was old enough, she took him, as she had promised, to the house of the Lord and gave him back to God. Could it be that Hannah learned what we need to learn – that it is God who makes life complete? No wonder the Scripture says over and over, *Wait for the Lord! Not for the thing you want, but for the Lord.* What a great message! After the time of worship, we gathered in the fellowship hall for a time of fun and refreshments.

We appreciate Gale Taylor and her dedication to Women's Ministries. She is doing a great job in the Morehead City District.

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What's Left After Katrina?

Our local Men's Ministries had talked about DRUSA and how we would react if a disaster took place. Unfortunately, Hurricane Katrina gave us an opportunity to put into practice what we had planned.

I had the honor to go to Moss Point, Mississippi, for a week to help with cooking and serving food to the families who had been affected by Katrina. There were three men from our church (Kinston First PHC), and six more people joined us from different churches in our conference (Tarboro and Lumberton).

The Christian fellowship was wonderful during the 14-hour drive there and during the week as we met and worked with the various people from many other states who had come to help too. The kitchen we worked in was dispatched from Lake City, SC, provided by the South Carolina Conference. While we were there, we were able to help feed between 3,000 and 5,000 victims a day. Over 100,000 people were served from the kitchen in the three weeks it was in Moss Point.

While I was in Mississippi, I got to meet different people who had lost everything because of the storm. Sometimes when we see things on TV, it almost seems unreal. But these people were just like you and me. Katrina took every material thing away from them in a matter of hours.

I also got to see the damage firsthand. We see pictures on TV, but that is not like seeing it ourselves. The feel of the air, the smell of the water, the strange disarray left by the wind and the flood water just can't be captured by a camera the way it is in person.

I saw houses completely gone from their foundations. I saw houses still standing, but the bottom floors had been sucked out and carried away by the water. I saw one house pushed into another house like a game of Dominoes gone awry. I saw a house where the roof had dropped straight down to the ground, squashed flat like Play Dough in a child's hand. But its brave owners had put up an encouraging sign in the yard that read, "DO NOT LET KATRINA STEAL YOUR JOY!"

Houses located blocks and blocks away from the Gulf had damaged furniture stacked in the yards. I saw a landfill with the rubble piled six or seven stories high. Yet despite all the devastation nature had inflicted, I saw evidence of God working to lift up the hurting.

The church had no electrical power, and the kitchen was on the way. With power out all over the city, there was no telling when it would be restored at the church. Yet, miraculously, power came on *just* before the kitchen arrived. His seed didn't have to beg bread; the electricity came on so His followers could feed His children.

One of the cooks was lighting a gas grill. It blew up on him, burning his arms and singeing the hair off his face. Two holes gaped in his shirt where the flames struck out at his chest; yet his chest was not burned, the hair not even singed! God protected the cook from serious harm and allowed him to be able to continue to minister to the victims.

I saw a lot of sad things on this trip, but I saw a lot of good things too. I saw God rising up in Christian people, causing them to reach out to the unfortunate. I saw people putting their faith in God and believing He still had a plan for their lives even if all their material belongings were gone.

Hurricanes might be able to destroy cities, but they can't destroy a person's life if that person has God in his or her heart. No wind is strong enough to blow Him away, and no water is deep enough to drown out His love. If you have built your life on God, He is a foundation that will endure through any kind of storm in your life, even one called Katrina.

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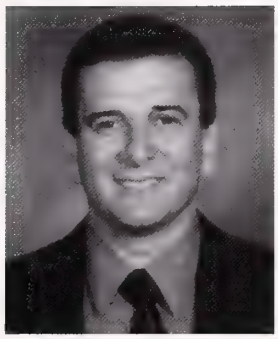
A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We are thankful, Heavenly Father, for we are blessed; the God of our nation is the LORD. We are the people He chose for His inheritance. Give thanks, all ye people, for you have sought the LORD, and He answered us. He has saved us out of our troubles. Give thanks unto the LORD, for He has poured out His goodness and mercy. Oh, glorify and magnify the LORD with me; let us exalt His name together.

A grateful heart speaks out with thanksgiving unto the LORD. He is their hope, help, and shield. In Him their hearts rejoice, for they trust in His Holy name. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all who are upright in heart. Be thankful and remember the goodness of the LORD, for He is faithful and loyal. LORD, with gratitude, joy, and praise, our hearts are full of thanksgiving. You care, approve, and love us as your own. Our spirits rejoice with this knowledge. We sing praise to our God; we sing praise to our King. Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him. For the word of the LORD is right and true; He is faithful in all He does. O LORD our God, we will give You thanks forever. Our trust and confidence is in You. Thank you, LORD, for giving us strength and blessing us with peace. You are the LORD, the strength of your people, a fortress of salvation for your anointed. Our hearts say of You, "Seek His Face!" Your face, LORD, we will seek. We are still confident of this: we will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. We will wait for the LORD; we are strong and take heart. To You, O LORD, we lift up our souls; in You we trust, O our God. We love You, O LORD our strength. You are our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer; to You and You alone will our worship and love belong. We will give thanks unto You forever.

Prayer is a form of gratitude.
Written by Pastor Lydia Figueroa.
Psalms 33:1,4,11,12; 34:4,6,20; 31:12; 29:8,11; 28:8,13; 25:1; 18:1,2



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

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El Valor de un Obrero en la Obra de Dios

Los obreros en la obra del Señor son llamados, preparados y enviados por Dios, por lo tanto son muy valiosos, tienen un enorme privilegio y una gran responsabilidad. Por eso deben ser reconocidos, valorados, honrados y cuidados en la iglesia.

La Palabra de Dios nos enseña varias verdades acerca de los obreros en la viña del Señor; verdades que nos revelan cuan importantes son ellos y cuan necesarios. Un obrero del Señor debe dedicarse a la tarea de buscar a Dios para que se formen y le sean dadas a él, las cualidades que son vitales y necesarias para servir eficazmente: A continuación les presento seis de las más importantes: **Santidad**, **amor**, **fe**, **humildad**, **sabiduría y poder**.

Pero hablando del valor de un obrero, la Palabra de Dios nos da las instrucciones del significado que tienen para Dios y su iglesia. Una de las cosas que resaltan en la Biblia es que los obreros del Señor son dignos de interés, estima, honor, y reconocimiento. Veamos un lista de versículos y como nos instruyen acerca del valor de un obrero.

1. Son deseados y pedidos en oración.
   Mateo 9:38 – "Oren que el Señor de la mies consiga más obreros para los campos."
2. Son personas con capacidades.
   Mateo 25:15 – "A uno dio cinco talentos, y a otro dos, y a otro uno, de acuerdo con la capacidad que había observado en cada uno de ellos; y luego se fue lejos."
3. Son personas de confianza.
   1 Corintios 4:2 – "Ahora bien, lo más importante en un siervo es que cumpla exactamente las órdenes del amo."
4. Son personas fieles.
   Mateo 24:46 – "Benditos serán si a mi regreso los encuentro cumpliendo fielmente con su deber. Los pondré a cargo de mis vienes."
5. Son personas que invierten.
   Mateo 25:29 – "Porque el que sabe usar bien lo que recibe, recibirá más y tendrá abundancia."
6. Son miembros con una función.
   Romanos 12:4 – "El cuerpo de Cristo, al igual que nuestros propios cuerpos, tiene muchas partes. Cada uno de nosotros forma parte de ese cuerpo, y este no estaría completo si faltara alguno, ya que cada quien desempeña una tarea diferente..."
7. Son personas que se necesitan.
   Romanos 12:5 – "Así que entre nosotros hay dependencia mutua; nos necesitamos unos a otros."
8. Son personas con una gracia recibida.
   Romanos 12:6 – "De manera que teniendo diferentes dones , según la gracia que nos es dada..." *Dios ha concedido a cada persona el don de realizar bien cierta tarea.*
9. Son personas con un poder recibido.
   1 Corintios 12:7 – "El Espíritu Santo despliega el poder de Dios a través de cada uno de nosotros para ayudar a la iglesia entera."
10. Son personas que cuidan de otros.
    1 Corintios 12:25 – "Esto crea tan buenas relaciones entre los miembros que cada uno se ocupa de los demás con la misma solicitud con que se ocupan de ellos mismos."
11. Son regalos de Dios para la iglesia.
    1 Corintios 12:28 – "Y a unos puso Dios en la iglesia..."
12. Son personas que edifican (promueven el crecimiento espiritual y el desarrollo del caracter). **Efesios 4:12** – "...a fin de perfeccionar a los santos para la obra del ministerio, para la edificación del cuerpo de Cristo..."
13. Han recibido un don. **1 Pedro 4:10** – "Cada uno según el don que ha recibido..."
14. Administran la multiforme gracia de Dios. **1 Pedro 4:10** – "...como buenos administradores de la multiforme gracia de Dios."

15. Son útiles en gran manera (Produce provecho y beneficio). **1 Timoteo 4:15** – "Usa esos dones; entregate de lleno al cumplimiento de tu deber para que todos vean tus progresos."

Los obreros en la iglesia son muy importantes y valiosos, debemos empezar a reconocerlos y dar gracias a Dios por ellos.

The Value of a Worker in the Church of God

The workers or laborers in the work of the Lord are called, prepared, and sent by God; therefore, they are very valuable. They have an enormous privilege and a great responsibility. For that reason, they should be recognized, valued, honored, and cared for in the church.

The Word of God teaches us several truths about the workers in the vineyard of the Lord, truths that reveal to us how important and necessary the workers are.

A worker of the Lord should be devoted to seeking God to obtain from Him those qualities that are vital and necessary in order to serve efficiently: I present to you the most important six: holiness, love, faith, humbleness, wisdom, and power.

But speaking of the value of a worker, the Word of God gives us instructions about the meaning and value they have for God and His kingdom. One of the things the Bible teaches us is that the Lord's workers are worthy of interest, esteem, honor, and recognition. See this list of verses and how they instruct us about the value of a worker.

1. They are wanted and requested in prayer.
   Matthew 9:38 – "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."
2. They are people with abilities.
   Matthew 25:15 – "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability…"
3. They are people of trust.
   1 Corinthians 4:2 – "Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."
4. They are faithful people.
   Matthew 24:46 – "Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing."
5. They are people who invest.
   Matthew 25:29 – "For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance…"
6. They are members with a function.
   Romans 12:4 – "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function…"
7. They are people who are needed.
   Romans 12:5 – "…So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."
8. They are people with a grace received.
   Romans 12:6 – "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them…"
9. They are people with a power received.
   1 Corinthians 12:7 – "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all…"
10. They are people who look after one another.
    1 Corinthians 12:25 – "…that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another."
11. They are gifts of God for the church.
    1 Corinthians 12:28 – "And God has appointed these in the church…"
12. They are people who build (they promote spiritual growth and the development of character).
    Ephesians 4:12 – "…for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."
13. They have received a gift.
    1 Peter 4:10 – "As each one has received a gift…"
14. They administer the diverse grace of God.
    1 Peter 4:10 – "…minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."
15. They are useful in great ways, producing profit and benefit.
    1 Timothy 4:15 – "Meditate on these thing; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all."

Workers in the work of God are necessary and valuable; we need to start recognizing them and giving thanks to the Lord for them.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

Expect Great Things From God ... Attempt Great Things for God

We are in the season of thanksgiving, though the attitude of thankfulness and praise should be a 365-days-a-year response, according to Psalms 100:4. I am truly thankful to God not only for what He has accomplished; I am grateful and thankful to Him for what He will accomplish for the remainder of 2005, in 2006, and beyond. God is inviting us to join Him in what He will do in 2006. It is a sobering fact that if we do not join Him in what He is doing and will do, He will move on without us. The IPHC can either move on with God, or He'll find another identity to move with Him, because certainly God is up to something. He is pouring out His Spirit; He is gathering His harvest, and He is looking for responsive people to labor in the harvest.

True and challenging were the words of the great apostle in 1 Thessalonians 5:18a: "In everything give thanks." It is interesting to note he did not say "for everything," but "in everything give thanks." Regardless of circumstances, predicaments, or states, we, as Christians, are to give thanks and exhibit a thankful attitude.

In the recently concluded fall round of district conferences, our conference bishop projected the vision that God had given him for the next twelve months. It is timely and appropriate for this conference: "Our sufficiency is in God – Therefore..." His scripture point of reference is 2 Corinthians 3:4-6. If (and there is no doubt) God is our sufficiency, what will we do with that knowledge and challenge?

As this vision statement settled within my spirit, I was impressed to project a continuing theme/thought for Evangelism/World Missions:

I picked up this thought from the father of modern missions, William Carey, who coined this phrase in 1791. Carey spent the first seven years of his missionary ministry in India, and to his knowledge had no known converts to Christianity. However, he persisted in "expecting great things from God and attempting great things for God." What a powerful example and

testimony! 1 Samuel 17 is the continuing story of a youngster (David) who had already learned in his few years to live by this theme. 1 Samuel 17:34-48 records two revealing and powerful conversations, first between David and King Saul, then between David and Goliath. In his conversation with Saul (vv. 32-36), he revealed how he had lived his life, expecting great things from God, and God delivered as David responded. In verses 45-48, he tells Goliath how he will attempt a great thing for God. There is no fear or doubt in either David's words or his actions. In fact, the proof is in the verses – in verse 36, David tells a fearful and rejected Saul that this ungodly Philistine giant will fall like both the lion and the bear because he is the enemy of God. And in verse 46, he uses the positive statement "I will" four times in telling Goliath that God will give the victory. David expected great things from God, and in turn, he had confidence to attempt great things for God because he knew his "sufficiency was in God alone."

The greatest days for the North Carolina Conference are ahead of us. We can recount and draw encouragement from the "lions and bears" of our history; however, we don't live there. We use our heritage and history as a springboard to launch into the future. There is a harvest to reap, disciples to be made, churches to be mothered/planted in America, and the same is true in global evangelism (World Missions Ministries) because *God is our sufficiency*. I am believing God not just to receive scattered accounts of revivals and the harvest of souls across this great conference; rather, I am believing that the spirit of revival, revitalization, and the harvest of souls will engulf every church. I repeat, there are souls waiting to be witnessed to and won; there are disciples to be made, churches waiting to be mothered/planted, and a worldwide harvest to be redeemed. What a challenge; what a privilege! Because our sufficiency is of God, let us therefore *expect great things from God in order to attempt great things for God!*

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church has a great message of salvation, holiness, and Pentecostal blessing to infuse into the souls of the masses. I challenge you with 1 Samuel 17:48, as David saw the challenge and joined God, he "ran towards his enemy." He did not back up, run, or cower from the opportunity to win a great victory – *and win he did*, in God's name.

Praise God because through August 2005 as compared to August 2004, this conference is 12 percent ($70,000) ahead in Missions giving. I believe we will reach our 2005 goal of $1,600,000. Thank you, pastors, local Missions directors, and congregations. As the year comes to an end, we will again achieve our goal of at least 10 new/organized churches. To God be the glory!

2006 will continue to be a focused year of approaching $2,000,000 in total Missions, of making disciples, multiplying churches, and revitalizing existing churches. Let me insert that we (North Carolina Conference) have the greatest churches and the greatest congregations across the movement of the IPHC.

I am listing a few of the 2006 events that are being planned in Evangelism/WMM:

- Jan. 17–Feb. 1 – Great Commission Meals (Kickoff of Global Outreach)
- March 6-7 – Tony Miller will be with us for two Evangelism Rallies.
- March 24-25 – Stan Toler/Elmer Towns: "Leading People Forward" – regardless of size, *all* churches can go to another level.
- We will be working to bring the "Model Church Strategy" to every district so that more churches can participate in and take advantage of this great ministry.
- 2006 will be the year we get closer to $2,000,000 in total Missions giving and reach $300,000 in Global Outreach.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

It is a pleasure to introduce the newest member of our Church Education Ministries Department team:

From the Desk of Sarah Salter

Psalm 139:15-16 says, "My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Isn't it incredible how God uniquely prepares us for each step of our lives? There are no accidents. The LORD orders our steps, and I'm thankful that God brought my steps to the CEM office!

I was raised by down-to-earth parents in eastern North Carolina. My dad is a Spirit-filled United Methodist minister. My mother, also a believer, is a middle-school teacher. I was blessed to grow up within the various church families that we were sent to serve. My parents continue to serve in the United Methodist Church in the Burlington, North Carolina, area. My older brother is currently a corrections officer in Greene County.

However, God called me in a different direction than the rest of my family. At the age of 25, in December 2003, I graduated from Methodist College with my bachelor of arts degree in English and a minor in Spanish. After graduation, God changed my life dramatically by sending me to Northwood Temple Church. At Northwood Temple, I have been tremendously blessed by being surrounded by other sincere seekers of Jesus Christ while being led by godly leaders. I have been allowed to exercise the gifts, talents, and skills that God has given me in many different areas, including music ministry and teaching young adult Sunday school classes.

The most dramatic change that God has made in my life is that He has called me to the mission field as a "chronic" short-term missionary. In 1996, I traveled to Mexico on my first mission trip.In the last two years, I have traveled to Honduras, Argentina, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (Central Africa). In January, I will be making a return trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo as an evangelist, intercessor, and eye-team member.

I believe that God has created me to be a worshiper of Him. Part of my worship of Him is that I am a servant and a channel of His love and healing. The purpose of Church Education Ministries is "to equip the church for its mission to reach the world," and I am both excited and blessed to be able to be a part of this ministry that assists the church in fulfilling the Great Commission! If there is any way that I may be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at the CEM office. My phone number is (910) 980-1162. You may also contact me via email at cem@nc.rr.com.

Trip to Belize

This past summer, June 29-July 9, we had over thirty teens involved in Global Quest outreach to the country of Belize. The trip consisted of numerous different ministry opportunities, such as clowning, drama, praise and worship, and preaching. The group was also very hands-on in repairing one of our churches in that area. It was exciting to see our teens from the North Carolina Conference ministering in such a selfless, passionate way!

This summer's CEM mission trip will be leaving Saturday, July 29, 2006, and heading to the Gulf Coast/New Orleans area to be the hands and feet of the Lord to the recent Katrina and Rita victims. We are looking for between 50 and 75 teens to get involved in this most vital ministry outreach. If you are interested, please call Charles Boyd at the conference office for more information. That phone number is (910) 980-1162.

"Offer unto God thanksgiving..."

-Psalms 50:14

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What Shall I Render Unto the Lord?

The wise men had it right. Maybe that is why they were called wise men.

Bowing before the young child, they offered "gold, frankincense, and myrrh," the best of metals and the best of spices: an offering to the King of gold, an offering to the Priest of frankincense, and an offering to the Child of myrrh.

Wise men (and women) are generous. Generosity is one of the best aspects of true education. Today it is thought to be wise to be always receiving, but the Savior said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." God judges our hearts by what spontaneously comes from them; hence, the sweet cane bought with money is acceptable to Him when given freely. He delights to see in His saints the true love that cannot express itself in mere words, but must use gold and myrrh, works of love, and deeds of self-denial to be the emblems of its gratitude. One will never get into the heart of happiness till one becomes unselfish and generous.

John Dawson, in speaking at Emmanuel College several years ago, saw the IPHC to be people of "radical generosity." What a glorious thought and exciting prophetic word! I do not believe that we are quite to the level of "radical generosity," but we certainly have made great progress as a church in our giving.

Many of our churches and people are very faithful. They give His tithe and then many offerings in missions, education, benevolence, and renewed vision. They are very generous. We have some of the best people on God's earth.

In our giving this year, we all need to ask ourselves, What shall we render unto the Lord? Christmas is characterized by giving. Even the Father gave at Christmas:

"In the fullness of time God sent forth His son made of a woman...."

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son...."

"God commended His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

He has given so much to and for us. What can we give back to Him? What can be given on behalf of Him?

Certainly the best gift we can give is ourselves. We should worship Him, love Him, and serve Him. Such action is truly His heart's desire.

What about financial giving? May I mention a few things? These are not just pipe dreams and talk only. Betty and I have been modeling such giving for years.

Remember the conference evangelists and missionaries. These are God's choicest servants, who sacrifice and labor faithfully through the year. Christmas is an excellent time to say, "I love you and thank you." Words are just not enough! There needs to be some action with the words.

Remember the People to People children and those who suffer hardship. It is a great time to bless your personal People to People child. DRUSA is very important this year. The victims of Katrina, Rita, and Wilma need some special help. There are those in your own community who need special help. I remember as a small preschool boy a time when Dad was in a body cast for nine months. He could not work, and Mom needed to be at home for him and for my sister and me. The churches in the area came to our rescue. I will never forget getting those boxes. It was a delight to see what the Lord provided.

Remember our colleges. The teachers can always use extra at Christmas. Betty and I contribute to the Holmes Faculty Fund every year.

Allow me to mention one other area – the retired minister. Three years ago, our Retired Ministers' director, Reverend Wiley Clark, came up with a fantastic idea. He has invited churches to Adopt a Retired Minister at Christmas. It is an excellent program. I encourage every church to participate. Many have already done so. Our retired ministers and spouses have given so much to the Lord and to the Conference. Many of them have some very special needs. There are health problems. There is very little income. For the greater part, Social Security

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checks are small. They just did not make very much pastoring churches. Conference retirement pay is a help, but it barely covers the Medicare Supplement for the minister, much less for the couple. Many do not own their own homes. They are forced to rent. Even those who do own their homes are faced with high utility bills. These will be even higher this year due to the cost of gas and natural gas. Just a small gift can mean so much. The expression of love alone is very valuable, and appreciated, but not enough.

What shall I render to the Lord this Christmas? It is an intriguing question. May each of us find the answer.

Reverend Joseph Reginald Guthrie

March 17, 1917 – October 26, 2005

Reverend Joseph Guthrie passed away on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. A Celebration of Life was held at the Harkers Island Church on October 29. Bishop Chris Thompson, Reverend Wiley Clark, Reverend Clinton Nelson, Reverend Jonathan Griffin, and Deacon Anthony Nelson participated in the funeral. Brother Guthrie was laid to rest at the Vergie Mae Cemetery, Harkers Island.

Joseph Reginald Guthrie was born March 17, 1917, to Jimmie and Carrie Guthrie of Harkers Island. He graduated from high school in 1936. During his high school days, Joseph began dating the "sweetheart" of his life, Blonnie Mae. They courted for three years and were married on June 1, 1940. This past June they celebrated 65 years together.

To this union were added three children, Betty Jo, Jimmy, and Randy. Shortly after their marriage, Blonnie Mae accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior in 1944, and in February 1945, Joseph accepted the Lord. Shortly after Joseph's new birth, the Lord called him to preach.

Brother Guthrie received his mission worker's license in 1951. He received license with the North Carolina Conference in 1961. He was ordained in 1964. He was superannuated in 1974.

Joseph's first pastorate was Graham Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church in Mill Creek, North Carolina. After this, Joseph pastored Swansboro Pentecostal Holiness Church and Ebenezer Pentecostal Holiness Church in Nashville, North Carolina.

In 1974, Joseph and Blonnie Mae left the pastorate due to health conditions and moved back to Harkers Island. Reverend and Mrs. Guthrie have been actively involved in the local church, the Harkers Island Pentecostal Holiness Church, from that time until the present. Reverend and Mrs. Guthrie have served as Sunday school teachers, and Blonnie Mae continues to serve as the church pianist.

Brother and Sister Guthrie had seven grandchildren. They were also blessed with five great-grandchildren. Joseph Guthrie was a fine example of Christian brother and man of God. He was a faithful member of the North Carolina Conference.

A Remarkable Man

Rev. Joseph Guthrie lived according to Nehemiah 8:10: "The joy of the LORD is your strength." Brother Joseph was a man with many attributes. He was a man of great faith who always trusted in the divine healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ, never admitting that he was sick. His life was a testimony to this very fact, in that he was hospitalized only one time in 88 years. He will be remembered as a man who had the most positive outlook on life. Seldom will one find a person with such a positive attitude. Brother Joseph always had an encouraging word, and he endeavored to lift your spirit when you were in his company. He was a man full of humor. When you were in his presence, he would have you in stitches. He surely did subscribe to the scripture in Proverbs 17:22: "A merry heart doeth good like medicine."

Yes, last and foremost, he was a minister of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He made it a point to lift up the Lord Jesus Christ wherever he was, even witnessing to the nurses in the hospital.

Let us exhibit some of these attributes as we make our pilgrimage toward our heavenly home.

Yes, Brother Joseph will always be remembered as a remarkable man.

Brother Anthony Nelson

Book Reviews

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Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity

by Nancy Pearcey. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books. 479 pages.

Nancy R. Pearcey, the Francis A. Schaeffer scholar at the World Journalism Institute, has a deep and profound understanding of worldview and cultural analysis. In this book, she provides a map of reality and convincingly shows that worldly wisdom with all its trappings and today's cultural confusions are no match to the Christian faith once delivered to the saints. She strongly advocates that the Christian faith is not simply a series of truths combined together to make a story, but the truth about total reality, providing a clear understanding of where we came from, and the kind of worldview every Christian ought to possess, for it can withstand the scrutiny of the postmodern mind and provide a solid foundation to enable every believer to survive the spiritual wasteland of today.

We often sing, "Take this whole world, but give me Jesus," which may be understood as the world of creation that includes sorrow, pain, and heartache; or the world that is anti-God, anti-Christ, and anti-Christian Church. However believers interpret it when they sing the song, it represents a view that this world is not all there is, and there is a world to come that is far better than this sin-cursed world. Is it possible, as we journey through this land, for believers unknowingly to adopt the ways of the world with which we seek to have nothing to do? Does the danger exist that doing the Lord's work in the flesh will lead to outright sin? Is it right for a non-profit organization to use for-profit techniques to expand its financial and people base? It was Hudson Taylor, the great missionary to China, who said that the Lord's work must be done in the Lord's way if it is to have the Lord's blessing. Do we truly believe that anymore? Is the anti-intellectualism and anti-creedal stance eroding the foundations of our Pentecostal-Charismatic faith? If the foundations are destroyed, where shall we stand, and to whom shall we go?

The author presents an overview of the development and influences of the modern worldview and makes a solid case for the Christian worldview as the only one that supports the highest aspirations of the human heart, as the key that fits the lock of the universe, as the lens to interpret the whole of reality, as the Great Story where every chapter keeps getting better, and as the only possible way to participate in real, eternal love. Indeed, when the people of the world see the supernatural dimension of the Christian Church in the way Christians love one another and their serious, no-nonsense, deep devotion to Jesus Christ, then the message of the gospel becomes plausible to them.

Pearcey writes, "The church is called to be a witness to the gospel through an authentic demonstration of love and unity. May God give us the grace to be worldview missionaries, building lives and communities that give an authentic witness of His existence before a watching world." May God do just that!

The Rejected Blessing: An Untold Story of the Early Days of the Pentecostal Movement

by Jim Kerwin. Coon Rapids, Minnesota: OTC Publishing. 95 pages.

The message of sanctification seems to be adrift for many today because of the misunderstandings and controversies of the past, and because, quite frankly, so few preachers preach a genuine, contemporary message of holiness anymore. Few, it seems, are in total agreement about the whole system of belief concerning sanctification. One supporter of the book writes, "In a time when the message of inward holiness, wrought by the Spirit's transforming power, is treated as outmoded, outdated, or irrelevant, this book has a much needed message for the Body of Christ, especially for Pentecostals and Charismatics." What is the needed message Kerwin offers?

What is sanctification? What is entire sanctification? Can the carnal nature be removed from a human being as a rotten tooth can be extracted from the mouth? In other words, can the indwelling sin principle be completely eradicated from the life of the justified believer? Does sanctification mean a towering spirituality, or is there some sort of process involved over time? If sanctification is real, where are the truly sanctified? What does it look like? Give examples of how sanctification works in the arena of life. In the legalism vs. license extremes, where does the experience of sanctification fit in? If entire sanctification means the eradication of the sin nature, and the desire to sin is removed, then is the entirely sanctified believer eternally saved, who can never sin again? Was John Wesley's lower way of Christian life biblical and approved of God? What did William Seymour and William H. Durham believe about the Wesleyan doctrine of sanctification?

There was heated controversy in the early days of the Pentecostal movement. Durham advocated a finished work of regeneration and sanctification that occur simultaneously. In Kerwin's words, "The Christian received everything at the same time." Seymour taught

a twofold work of the Spirit in regeneration and crisis sanctification, in which sanctification was a subsequent work. In 1911, a battle on the two different teachings occurred. Durham used the pulpit of William Seymour to teach the Finished Work doctrine, but was later stopped when Seymour padlocked the church doors! Charles Parham, the founder of the Apostolic Faith Movement, became involved and asked the Lord to intervene by taking the life of the person preaching the wrong doctrine. That same year, Durham, at the age of 39 died on July 7.

The twist in the story comes when the truth of the matter is that the Assemblies of God, the Foursquare Church, and others claim Durham as a spiritual father. Durham was right in claiming that sanctification was a part of the Finished Work of Christ, and he admitted that subsequent sanctification experiences might be valid. Later review of his writings reveal that Durham resisted the subsequence, not the eradication of inbred sin. The cherished doctrine of eradication of the sin nature, the rejected blessing, Kerwin admits, has never become a major doctrine of a large number of Pentecostals and Charismatics. This is the call and cry of the book: that Pentecostals would rediscover the missing heritage of the handmaiden of sanctification.

Questions remain about sanctification that continue to be discussed and evaluated. Are heart purity and entire sanctification identical in meaning? Can the heart be pure with the Adamic nature remaining in the believer? Can the old-time Holy Ghost power be experienced without entire sanctification?

Embracing Our Place: Strategies, Struggles, and Successes of Ministry Wives

Faye Leggett, ed. Franklin Springs, Georgia: LifeSpring Resources. 150 pages.

Faye Leggett, the wife of Bishop James D. Leggett, General Superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, serves as editor of this inspiring publication for Christian women, especially the wives of ministers. The book offers a wide array of counsel; strategies for success and survival; down-to-earth practical advice; testimonies of Christian women, such as Fay Hedgepeth, Mary Burchett, Jewelle Stewart, Judith Phelps, and Melba E. Potter, who have learned to depend on God in tough times; and essential prayer points that serve as breaks in the reading to pause, reflect, and seek the face of God to ask Him for divine help in the matters and issues addressed at the time.

What is so striking about the book is the honesty and transparency of the contributors as they lay bare their hearts and souls to the reader. The writers share their experiences of failure, struggles, and successes in life and ministry. A pastor's wife who takes the ministry seriously and remains loyal to her husband is a precious jewel. Behind every good man is the woman, and behind every good woman is the God who remains faithful and true as she supports, prays, encourages, and, on occasions, corrects (gentle, mild, almost harmless rebuke) her spouse in the ministry. In these days of great stress and pressure on the pastoral family, a publication of this nature is needed because it is a valuable resource for ministers' wives and a reminder of the faithfulness of God. The book would make a wonderful Christmas or birthday gift for the pastor's wife if she doesn't already own it. Happy Reading!

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

Rev. Tommy Spikes	December 5
Rev. Wiley Clark	December 15
Rev. Raymond Potter	December 18
Rev. Mrs. Patsy Payne	December 18
Rev. Richard Parson	December 24
Rev. Mrs. Daisy Morris	January 2
Rev. King White	January 11
Rev. Buck Parnell	January 16
Rev. Jimmy Swinson	January 18
Rev. Raleigh Horton	January 22
Rev. James McCandless	January 22
Rev. Linwood Butts	January 29
Rev. Dempsey Winstead	January 30

Homecoming at Merritt's Chapel

On October 23, Sunday morning when I came near the church parking lot, I had a wonderful feeling. I had a problem finding a parking space!

The morning worship started at 10:00 a.m. The Reverend Reuben Vance Batchelor was the homecoming speaker. He did a superb job.

Around the 11:00 hour, Mrs. Marie Batchelor, Brother Batchelor's spouse, rendered our special singing. And sing she did until 12:00 noon! She sang very well and in the Spirit.

Yes, you know what came next: a splendid and bountiful meal. We all took part.

It was a wonderful day. We had 60 people in attendance.

To God be the glory!

–Pastor Reuben Mosley

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." (Galatians 4:4-5)

Dear Women of God:

Do you remember as a young child, how excited you were about Christmas? I do, and I love Christmas. I love surprises. I love having friends and family gather in my home. I love sharing the Reason for the Season.

When we were youngsters, our family lived in a small mobile home, and on Christmas Eve, Mama would make my brother, my sister, and me sleep in the very back bedroom so we wouldn't be in "Santa's" way. Very, very early Christmas morning, Terry and I would crawl down the hallway (it was one straight shot) to the living room so we could be the first to see all the wonderful gifts and surprises. I remember the excitement, especially if we got what we asked for; whether it was a new bike, a doll, new shoes, or new clothes, we were thrilled. It was Christmas!

Do you remember how excited you were when Christ came into your heart? Do you still have that same zeal and love for others? I do, and I love sharing the love of the Lord with others.

As we enter this Christmas season, our prayer is that you and your family will enjoy all the season has to offer. And when the opportunity avails itself, share the good news that we have been adopted into the family of God, and it is God's will that we all make heaven our home.

May the Lord bless you and your family during this holiday season, and please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Merry Christmas,
"Mrs. Patsy," Janice, Marjorie, Lois, and Terry Ann

HOLIDAY POTPOURRI:

- Don't pitch those raisins. If you have hardened raisins or dried fruit, don't throw them out. Instead, soak them in water or juice until they soften; then use in cakes or cookies.

- Display your cards: Hang a grapevine wreath on the inside of your front door, punch a hole in each card, and attach with a ribbon. Tuck sprigs of holly and evergreen between the cards.

- Wrap gifts as you buy them. Waiting and wrapping them all at once can take an unbelievable amount of time.

- Skip making your own icing to decorate cakes and cookies. Store-bought tubes aren't as messy or as time consuming.

- Remove toys from their boxes, assemble them, and add batteries ahead of time so they can be played with immediately after opening.

Reelsboro Women's Ministries Luncheon

Reelsboro Women's Ministries entertained 31 guests at a luncheon for the community Senior Citizens on Saturday, September 17. Each table was decorated with vases of fresh flowers and candles. Local WM Director Debbie Flowers welcomed everyone. Pastor Steve Willis read scripture from 1 Corinthians 13, and Rev. Pascal Woodard led in prayer.

The menu was cranberry salad, roast turkey, dressing, gravy, string beans with potatoes, candied yams with nut topping, biscuits, and banana pudding. (Sounds great!) The Reelsboro Missionettes served as waitresses.

The ladies' trio, Linda Gaskins, Sarah Hardison, and Debbie Buck, sang several songs and led the group in a sing-a-long. There was great fun and fellowship with old and new friends. Each guest received a "Love Loaf" of apple-raisin-nut bread as they left.

Royal Home Shower

The ladies from the Good News Ministries in Jacksonville and the Sneads Ferry Pentecostal Holiness Church came together for a great night of fellowship and fun on October 3. We gathered for a baby shower to honor all the girls who have had or are expecting babies at the Royal Home. Many beautiful baby things and personal items were received for the girls.

We will treasure the message: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30) that Mrs. Janice Marshburn brought to us. We all need to search our hearts and let the Lord reveal to us any root of bitterness, envy, or strife to which we may be holding on. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are fruits of the Spirit that we need to desire continually.

This was a heartfelt message from Mrs. Janice to each of us. We need to shower words of love on the people around us and even more on the unlovable. May our desire be to show more of Jesus and less of ourselves daily.

A very special thanks goes to the ladies from the Good News Ministries for the wonderful food and the beautifully decorated room. We were blessed with a carload of items and hearts full of love.

Submitted by Jackie Thompson
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"Partners in Ministry"

SPOTLIGHT ON MEN – *From Director Ronnie Basden*

KEEP ON BURNING!

In Ezekiel 20:47, we find an inspiring message from God: ***"...Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee!..."***

Recently, I attended a revival service. The evangelist spoke one particular night on building a fire that will not go out. The Lord spoke to my heart that this is exactly what we as men of God (and women of God too!) need to do! We need to build a burning fire that will not go out!

So many times, we become excited about something we hear, and it ignites a fire in our spirit that starts burning. But the newness wears off, and the pressures of life begin to press in. Before we hardly know it, our burning fire has dwindled to barely a smoldering ember

Ezekiel went on to say in that same verse: "It shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming fire shall not be quenched..." We desperately need to allow the Lord to ignite His "flaming flame" within us so the works of God can begin to move in and through us!

Once God has ignited our spirits, we can keep a hot, burning fire by going into the forest and gathering "logs" to feed our fires. These special "logs" are made of the wood of worship, praise, love, obedience, prayers, etc.

And while we are busy gathering these long-burning "logs" for our own fires, we should gather some for our brothers whose flames may be starting to quiver and burn low.

Let us come together and seek to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. His holy fire will keep the fire of our spirits burning bright and strong if we will just do our part and put on some "logs" of living and loving God!

Your brother in Christ, Ronnie Basden

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Speaking of "keeping the fire burning and of spreading it..." check these statistics that illustrate, (a) the influence of a father, and (b) the condition of men's hearts in America.

- ❑ 27 million children (40%) will go to bed tonight without a father in the home
- ❑ Over 80% of all drunk drivers and drug abusers are male
- ❑ Men represent 75% of all suicides
- ❑ 90% of homeless and runaway children come from fatherless homes
- ❑ Men commit 90% of all serious crimes
- ❑ 75% of children living in a fatherless home will experience poverty
- ❑ 26 million men go to church with very few serving as spiritual leaders in the home

KEEP YOUR FIRE BURNING!

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THANKS BE TO GOD

"Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him." (2 Cor. 2:14, NIV)

"In the Messiah, in Christ, God leads us from place to place in one perpetual victory parade." (2 Cor. 2:14, The Message)

What a blessing, privilege, and honor we have as believers to be ***"in Christ."***

The other day, in a time of personal prayer and meditation, the Holy Spirit started to reveal to me again the great mystery of being ***"in Christ."*** He showed me a container with some water and a penny inside it; the container was made of glass and was transparent. He said that the container represented Jesus, the water the Word, and the penny the believer. He reminded me that the believer was placed inside the container the day he acknowledged, confessed, and believed in the finished work of the cross. Inside the container, the believer was identified, protected, surrounded, submerged, and made new, with greater value. The believer was now placed in a greater position, and no longer did he walk in who he was, but now the container had fully covered, surrounded, and changed his identity. He now was "in Christ," "in Him," and that would be his legal place as a believer. He had obtained this position through the gift of eternal life (salvation), and he was now the temple of the Holy Spirit and was also contained (placed) in Him. The believer now would be valuable, useful, empowered, having authority, and would be overflowing. Because he was contained "in Him," the water representing the Word (Jesus) would preserve, clean, strengthen, reveal, and empower him daily. Thanks be to God!

By understanding this revelation we all can be assured of God's presence, provision, love, power, authority, and acceptance. Inside the container ("in Him"), we are made alive, living the abundant life. In 1 John 3:2, the Word says, "I pray for your good fortune in everything you do, and for good health" (*The Message*). He has called us and declared over us this life in Him.

Our times in prayer reveal to us the great mysteries of God. We are to be thankful for the privilege of being able to communicate with God, our creator, Savior, and Lord.

The following scriptures will exhort and encourage you "in Christ":

"In Christ"

Col. 3:3 ° – "For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God."

Made New

2 Cor. 5:17 – "In Christ, he is a new creature."
2 Cor. 5:17 – "Behold, all thing are become new."
Eph. 4:2 – "Put on the new man."
Rev. 21:5 – "Behold, I make all things new."

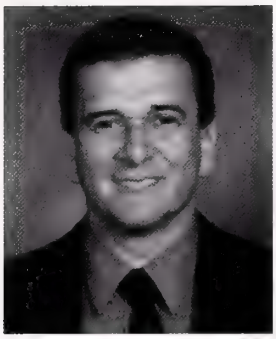
Accepted

John 1:12 – "A child of God"
John 15:15 – "Christ's friend"
Rom 5:1 – "Just as if I had never sinned"
I Cor. 6:19 – "I belong to the Father."
Eph. 1:5 – "I'm adopted by father God."

Secure

Rom. 8:1, 2 – "Free forever from condemnation"
Rom. 8:31 – "The Father is always for me."
Rom. 8:35 – "Troubles do not separate me from God's love."
Col. 3:3 – "I am hidden with Christ in the Father."

MERRY CHRISTMAS IN CHRIST,
LYDIA FIGUEROA, WIN DIRECTOR



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

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Liderazgo y Diligencia

La sabiduría es conocimiento puesto en práctica. Lo que sabemos debe ser llevado a la practica para que podamos conocer la efectividad de ese conocimiento. Como líderes debemos prestar atención a las amonestaciones y enseñanzas del Señor expresadas en varias maneras, especialmente aquellas que nos son dadas por medio de la Palabra y la experiencia de la vida misma.

1. Diligencia: Significa apresurarse a hacer algo, esforzarse, procurar, dar solicitud a algo. Es cuidado, esfuerzo y eficacia en la ejecución de algo. Celo en el desempeño de una función

2. Una de las cosas que va de la mano con la diligencia es la responsabilidad de cumplir con las cosas que se nos ha dado para hacer como líderes. **Esdras 7:23** contiene la siguiente verdad acerca de nuestro liderazgo: ***Hacer las cosas como se nos ha instruido y hacerlas hasta que esten terminadas.***

El libro de Proverbios también contiene varias verdades acerca de la diligencia a las cuales sería bueno darles un vistazo y aplicarlas a nuestra vida y liderazgo:

Proverbios 12:27: "...El hombre diligente aprovecha cuanto encuentra." Es la habilidad de aprovechar las oportunidades que Dios nos da y administrarlas en el beneficio de su obra.

Proverbios 10:4: ...los que trabajan empeñosamente se enriquecen." Encontramos aquí el principio del esfuerzo y la dedicación para hacer algo bien.

Proverbios 12:24: "Trabaja con empeño y serás dirigente; sé perezoso y nunca triunfarás."

Es el principio de lo que Jesús habló en (**Mateo 25:21**) Ser fiel en lo pequeño y se nos confiará lo más grande.

Proverbios 13:4: "...los diligentes prosperan."

Proverbios 21:5: "...el trabajo tenaz da prosperidad."

Proverbios 27:23: "Sé diligente en conocer el estado de tus ovejas, y mira bien con cuidado por tus rebaños..." Es habilidad de hacer nuestro trabajo bien, una verdad aquí es: nunca de por sentado algo, sin haber hecho la investigación necesaria por medio de la observación, el estudio y la atención especial a alguna situación, especialmente cuando se trata de las "ovejas" que Dios nos ha dado para cuidar y pastorear.

Proverbios 24:3, 4: "Toda empresa tiene por fundamento planes sensatos, se fortalece mediante el sentido común, (capacidad de distinguir lo verdadero de lo falso, de actuar razonablemente) y prospera manteniéndose al día en todo."

Hay cosas que dificultan el cumplimiento de los propósitos (lo que se ha propuesto hacer) que usted ha establecido en su vida y liderazgo. Es muy importante que usted identifique esos obstáculos y trabaje con ellos para que sean eliminados de su persona y sus actividades. Algunos de ellos son los siguientes:

- Conformismo
- Desánimo
- Desorganización
- Desmotivación
- Incostancia
- Indisciplina
- Temor

Hay características que Dios desea formar en nosotros para que seamos líderes que avanzan, conquistan y salen adelante con el ministerio, las responsabilidades y tareas que se nos han sido asignadas. Dios es nuestra suficiencia. El es la fuente a la que debemos ir todos los días en oración para encontrar las fuerzas, la capacidad y todos los recursos que necesitamos para hacer Su obra.

De Las Iglesias y Las Nuevas obras

1. Rogamos sus oraciones por las nuevas obras que se están plantando en Wilmington, Warrenton, Mount Olive, Lumberton, Raeford.
2. La iglesia de Pine Level se ha movido para Princeton y felicitamos a los pastores Carlos y Ana Nuñez por el exelente trabajo que están realizando y su nuevo local.
3. Sus oraciones por el paso de fe que ha dado Luis y Leo Feliz, rentando un nuevo local en Lumberton, la obra va muy bien.

"Feliz Navidad y Bendecido Año 2006"

Desde el Ministerio Hispano de las iglesias Santidad Pentecostal, Conferencia de Carolina del Norte, les deseamos a todos una Feliz Navidad y Un Año 2006 lleno de bendiciones y victoria en Cristo Jesús.

Diligence and Leadership

Wisdom is putting knowledge into practice. What we know should lead to practice so that we can know the effectiveness of that knowledge. We as leaders should pay attention to the admonishments and teachings of the Lord expressed in several ways, especially those that are give us through the Word of God and life's experiences.

1. Diligence: It means hurry to make something, make an effort, try, apply oneself to something. It is looked after, effort, and efficacy in the execution of something; fervor in the performing of a function.
2. One of the things that go hand in hand with diligence is the responsibility to fulfill those things that have been given us to do in order to make us leaders. **Ezra 7:23** contains the following truth about our leadership: "Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it diligently be done..." ***This means doing the things us we have instructed to do and do them they until are finished.***

The book of Proverbs also contains several truths about diligence that are good to look at seriously and apply to our lives and leadership:

Proverbs 12:27: "...But diligence is man's precious possession." The diligent man takes advantage of as much as he finds. Diligence is the ability to take advantage of the opportunities God gives us and administer them in the benefit of His work.

Proverbs 10:4: "...But diligent hands bring wealth." The principle of effort and dedication in order to make something well.

Proverbs 12:24: "Diligent hands will rule..." Work with zeal, and you will be a leader; be lazy, and you never triumph. It is the principle of which Jesus speaks in **Matthew 25:21** about being faithful in the small things, and be trusted in the biggest things.

Proverbs 13:4: "Diligence prospers."

Proverbs 21:5: "The plans of the diligent lead to profit..." Tenacious work gives prosperity.

Proverbs 27:23: "Be diligent to know the state of your flock, and attend to your herds..." It is the ability to do our work very well. One truth here is this: Before you think something is sure, don't do it without having made the necessary investigation by means of observation, study, and special attention to any situation, especially when it is the "sheep" God has given us to look after and shepherd.

Proverbs 24:3, 4: "Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge its rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches." Every company's foundation is built on sensible plans; it is strengthened by means of common sense (capacity to distinguish the true from the false, to act reasonably); and it prospers by staying up to date in everything.

There are things that hinder execution of the purposes (what you have proposed to do) that you have established in your life and leadership. It is very important that you identify those obstacles and work with them so they are eliminated from your person and your activities. Some of them are the following:

- Conformity
- Discouragement
- No organization
- No motivation
- No stability
- No discipline
- Fear

There are characteristics God wants to form in us in order to advance, conquer, and keep going in our ministerial responsibilities and tasks the Lord has assigned to us. God is our sufficiency. He is the fountain we have to go to every day in prayer to find the strength, the capacity, and all sources we need to do His work.

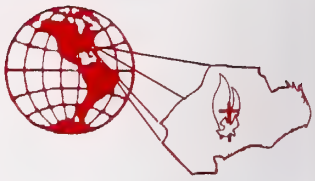
From the Hispanic Ministry

1. We ask you to pray for the new churches that have been planting in the last days in Wilmington, Warrenton, Mount Olive, Lumberton, and Raeford.
2. We want to inform you that the church in Pine Level has been moved to a new location; now the church is in Princeton. We congratulate Rev. Carlos and Ana Nuñez for the excellent work that they have been doing and for the new locale.
3. Pray for the step of faith of Rev. Luis and Leo Feliz, renting the new locale in Lumberton; the new church goes very well.

"Merry Christmas and Blessed Year 2006"

From the Hispanic Ministry of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Carolina Conference, Merry Christmas and Year 2006 full of blessings and victory in Jesus Christ.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions



J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Born a King

The time from Thanksgiving through Christmas to New Year's Day is usually referred to as the holiday season. The awe of God's blessings and Providence stirs the spirit of thanksgiving, praise, and worship as I anticipate this joyous season. It is also the opportunity to reflect on and reminisce about times, occasions, and memories of the past that stir smiles and, yes, even tears. How grateful I am as I enter this season! As Christians, we are to live constantly in the Thanksgiving and Christmas spirit; however, this is the time we focus on God's blessings and His "unspeakable" gift.

In almost every store and in many settings people are preparing for the holidays, yet I suspect that what many are interested in are the dollars and cents they will reap. I pray even now that I will not be caught up in the frenzy of the commercialization of the Christmas season. I enjoy the reruns of great movies of the past and also some of the newer renditions of Christmas and holiday themes that warm the heart and stir the "giving spirit."

I never tire of reading the simple yet profound story of the birth of our Savior and Lord. The verses and message are always new and fresh and stir my heart once again to confess Jesus Christ as my Savior and King.

At each Christmas, I try to focus on a certain phrase or event of the Christmas story. It never ceases to amaze me how much truth and revelation there are in this story that never loses its luster or majesty. Matthew 2:1-13 recounts the visit of the wise men or magi from the east. There are several theories of exactly who these men were; obviously they were learned men and studiers of the heavens. My point of interest is that the Sovereign God spoke to their minds and hearts and, using a specific heavenly object (His star), guided them to Jerusalem.

Their question is in verse 2: "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." They make three powerful confessions: a) He is the King of the Jews; b) We have seen His star; c) We're here to worship Him. They had made a trip of several hundred miles to acknowledge, to see, and to worship the King.

The thought of a king kindles many thoughts and ideas. When I picture a king in biblical times, I see a protective entourage, a royal procession, a scepter, a majestic robe, a corps of musicians to announce his arrival, and, yes, I picture a crown worn to designate him as the king. At this Christmas season, think with me of the King's crown of which Christ is truly worthy and which will for eternity designate His place as King of kings and Lord of lords.

What do you picture/see when you hear or think of the word *crown*, especially during the Christmas season or in biblical times? Glory, honor, power, authority, royalty, etc.

For thousands of years the picture or symbol of a crown has meant all these things and indeed much more. In the times of Jesus Christ's earthly journey, a crown symbolized power, superiority, and rule; it was what one wore because he was the king.

The wise men questioned, "Where is He who is born [not who is to be] King of the Jews?"

Jesus was born a king. He was acknowledged, proclaimed, and presented as the hope of the Jewish people. Jesus rode into Jerusalem being received as a king, engulfed with palm branches, shouts of "Hosanna!" and joyous singing. He was lifted up in the eyes of the people that day and proclaimed a king's place.

Jesus even said of Himself in John 12:32, *"I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."* What Jesus meant and how the majority of the people received this declaration were worlds apart. What happened? He was going to be lifted up. There was no question of this truth; even Jesus declared it to be true. When He was lifted up, He further declared He would draw all people to Himself – this happened as well.

Yet what was this lifting up? Where did He get the power, authority, and ability to draw all nationalities unto Himself?

Jesus was lifted up, not in royal robes or seated on a priceless earthly throne or sheltered under a golden canopy, but brutalized and hung naked on a cross of wood. He was raised up, not to be praised and adored by a massive crowd of supporters, but hung up to be slowly crushed and agonizingly die a humiliating death while the same mob that ushered Him in as a king a few days before, now mocked and taunted Him. He was lifted up to die a criminal's death, laying down His life for the people He had come to win back, opening the door and privilege of salvation with His own life.

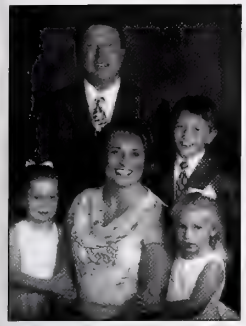
There was not a feast, only bitter vinegar. There was no signet ring, just iron nails to cut his hands and feet, severing the veins and nerves, shattering the bones, and pressing His flesh into the wood.

And what of the crown? Every king must have his crown. Jesus was a King (Matthew 2:2).

Jesus did wear a crown that day, but it was not the normal crown of a king. What was His crown? It wasn't fashioned with jewels and gold. It wasn't golden like the Egyptian crowns believed to link men with the gods. It wasn't a green wreath or garland like the Roman crowns worn to signify victory. No, it was a circular mass of many thorns, dry and sharp, jabbing, piercing, and tearing the flesh at every point of contact. Jesus wore this crown; He was our link to God. Jesus felt the thorns as they punctured His brow. But through the horror of His "coronation," He won back the kingdom.

With all this in mind, I return to the rendition of the Christmas story in Matthew 2, and I think of His crown – not one of thorns, signifying suffering and humiliation. I think of the day when He shall be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. What a joyful thought that we are part of His eternal Kingdom! Let's celebrate His coming to us and His victory for us this Christmas season.

Rose and I and Nicole (my secretary) wish you and your family a joyous and Christ-filled Christmas season. And from the bottom of my heart, thank you for making 2005 a year of joy and victory in Evangelism and World Missions Ministries.



Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

As we finish up the turkey and head to the "most wonderful time of the year," "I thank my God every time I remember you" (Philippians 1:3). The ability to recognize the important issues of life is one of the most needed and valuable characteristics a person can either have or develop. Paul demonstrated this ability. Because Paul was able to sense – or see – the working of God in the lives of people, he was motivated to express his gratefulness to God for those people.

- He was thankful for the people of God.
- He was thankful for God's working in the people.

The recognition of "all things godly" is one of the most important mental attitudes any follower of Jesus can possess and cultivate. Let me say it another way: to walk with God means...

To see God working in all of life. It was because of how Paul approached life that he was able to see and thank God for the people he served. Here's something to remember: Feel for the man who sees no good in life. But mourn for the man who sees no God in life.

At times there is something profound about simplicity. Take this process for instance:

- I see the good workings of God in life.
- I am grateful to God for His good workings.
- I express my gratefulness to God and others.

This is the stuff that "walking with God" is all about.

Awareness and gratefulness working in the heart of a man reveal what it means to understand the majestic beauty of true life in Christ. To say with deep conviction, "I thank my God every time I remember you," reveals what it means to *live with* Christ as opposed to merely *knowing about* Christ. It is the difference between truly understanding what it means to know and love God – and not understanding what the whole "God life" thing is all about. So here's my advice:

1. Strive to see the good workings of God in life.
2. Strive to be grateful to God for the good workings you see.
3. Strive to express your gratefulness to God and others.

The Boyd family extends to you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We truly do thank God every time we remember you!

It's time to begin preparation for Bible Quest and Talent Quest 2006. Important information can be found on our website, www.nccem.net. This information includes themes and changes to Bible Quest and Talent Quest.

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

Saturday, January 7, 2006	1st Bible Quest Tournament
Wednesday, January 25, 2006	Talent Quest Registration Deadline
Friday, February 10, 2006	Greenville & Williamston Talent Showcases
Saturday, February 11, 2006	Raleigh/Rocky Mount, Lumberton, & Wilmington Talent Showcases
Thursday, February 16, 2006	Morehead & New Bern Talent Showcases
Friday, February 17, 2006	Clinton & Goldsboro Talent Showcases
Saturday, February 18, 2006	Fayetteville & Wilson Talent Showcases
Saturday, March 4, 2006	Conference Talent – Drama, Creative Arts & Writing
Saturday, March 11, 2006	Conference Talent – Music

Also, remember that National Fine Arts and Youth Quest are July 17-20, 2006, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

January 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Youth Gathering in Falcon 5 PM New Years Day	2 RR RM Dist Comm. Mtg Office Closed	3	4 Hispanic Leadership Committee	5	6 RR—Wilson & Raleigh Dist Comm. Mtg.	7 RR Clinton Dist Comm Mtg
8	9	10	11 Conference Day of Prayer	12	13 School Of Ministry National Royal Ranger Council	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed	17 Conference Board Meeting Missions — Great Commission Meals	18	19	20 Hispanic INE	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 RR—Wilson Dist. Campout Fire & Ice—Tennessee	28 WM Leadership Seminar
29	30 Missions Great Commission Meals	31 CEM Board Mtg RR All Charters Due RR Pre-Regist For ROTY & Leaders Awards				

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February 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hispanic Leadership Committee Great Commission Meals	2 Minister's & Spouse Retreat	3 RR—Clinton Dist. Campout	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Talent—Greenville & Williamston Showcase School of Ministry	11 Talent—Raleigh & RM Showcase & Lumb & Wilm Showcase RR—FCF Phase II Deadline
12	13	14 Evangelism Board Mtg Valentine's Day	15	16 Conference Board Meeting Talent—Morehead & NB Showcase	17 Talent—Clinton & Goldsboro Showcase	18 RR—Ranger Basics – Goldsboro Talent—Fay & Wilson Showcase
19	20 President's Day	21 SAC & Board Vision Retreat	22	23	24	25 RR—Conference Pinewood Derby MWF Board Meeting
26	27	28				

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March 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday Hispanic Leadership Committee	2	3 Youth Gathering In Falcon 7.30 p.m RR—FCF Phase II in Falcon	4 Conference Talent—Drama, Creative Arts & Writing
5	6 RR Conf & Dist. Staff Mtg Evangelism Rallies with Tony Miller	7 Conference Committees Meet	8	9 RR Wilson & Clinton Dist. Comm Mtg	10 Emmanuel College Board School of Ministry	11 Conference Talent—Music
12	13	14 Conference Board Meeting	15	16 RR - Goldsboro Dist. Comm Mtg	17 Women's Ministries Retreat	18
19	20	21 New Ministers Day	22	23	24 CEM/Evangelism Convention	25
26	27 Lumberton Wilmington Dist Conf	28 Goldsboro Greenville Dist Conf Spring District Conferences	29 Hispanic North Dist Conf	30 Raleigh Wilson Dist Conf	31 MLT Training—Falcon	April 1

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April 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Resurrection Offering For CEM can be taken any Sunday this month.						1 Archives Training RR ROTY in Falcon MLT Training
2 Youth Pastor Appreciation Sunday	3 Fayetteville Clinton Dist Conf	4 New Bern Morehead City Dist Conf Spring District Conferences	5 Hispanic Leadership Committee Hispanic South Districts	6 Rocky Mount Williamston Dist Conf	7 RR—Ral, RM Wilson Dist Round-Up & Fay Dist Discipleship I & II School of Ministry	8 MWF Board Meeting
9 Palm Sunday	10	11 Evangelism Board & Missions Committee Joint Meeting	12	13	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter	17 Board Retreat	18	19	20	21 Lady Ministers Training	22 RR—NC Conf Comm. Award
23	24	25 Azusa Street Celebration	26	27	28 RR-FCF Family Trace Hispanic INE	29
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May 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Hispanic Leadership Committee	4 Examining Committee License	5 Examining Committee Ordination	6 WM Directors Council (Falcon) Emmanuel Graduation RR-Conf Ranger Kids Field Day
7	8 Retired Minister's Retreat	9	10	11 Conference Board Meeting	12 School of Ministry	13 RR—Fay Dist. Ranger Basics
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19 RR Wilson Dist Backpacking Trip Greenville Dist. Round-Up Goldsboro Dist Round-Up Quadrennial Conference	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Conference Office Closed	30	31			

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June 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 WM Convention RR—Wilson & Clinton Dist Pinewood Derby Paramount's Carousels
4	5 RR—Conf. & Dist. Staff Mtg	6	7 Hispanic Leadership Committee	8	9 Wilson Dist Archery Campout	10
11	12	13 Conference Board Meeting	14	15 Lady Ministers Advisory Council RR—Golds Dist Comm Mtg. Falcon Youth Camp—High School Camp	16	17 RR-Safety & the Church FCF Module, Wilson Dist.
18 Father's Day	19 Falcon Youth Camp—Middle School Camp	20	21	22	23 RR- JCE-Cape Fear, Sanford Falcon Youth Camp—Alpha Camp	24
25 FYC Alpha Camp	26 Falcon Youth Camp—Omega Camp	27	28	29	30 FYC—Hispanic Camp	

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July 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 FYC—Hispanic Camp
2 Falcon Youth Camp—Hispanic Camp	3	4 Independence Day Office Holiday	5 Hispanic Leadership Committee	6	7	8 WWF Board Meeting RR-Rol Dist Ranger Basics & Wils Dist First Aid
9	10	11	12	13 Conference Board Meeting	14 RR-GMA Merit Camp in Falcon	15
16	17 Youth Quest—Daytona	18	19	20	21 Hispanic INE	22
23	24	25	26	27 Evangelism Board Mtg.	28 RR-Wils. Dist. Canoe Trip	29
30	31					

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August 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Hispanic Leadership Committee	3 National Hispanic Pastors Conference	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 RR Golds Dist Parent/Son Campout	12 RR—Wils Dist Ranger Kids Field Day
13 G.O. Celebration Service Falcon Camp Meeting	14 RR—Conf. & Dist. Staff Mtg	15 Conference Board Meeting	16	17 Pincy Grove Camp Meeting	18 School of Ministry	19 Paramount's Kings Dominion RR Clinton Dist Comm Mtg
20	21	22 RR—Fay. & Raleigh Dist Comm. Mtg	23	24 RR—Golds & Wils Dist Comm. Mtg	25 Children's Ministry the 25th & 26th	26 RR—Successful Outpost Module –Golds Dist. & Ranger Basics for Wils. & RM Dist
27	28	29 Superintendent's SAC Meeting	30	31 Clinton District		

Falcon Camp Meeting

Pincy Grove Camp Meeting

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September 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day Conference Office Closed	5 New Bern District Conf	6 Hispanic Leadership Committee	7 Williamston District Conf	8 School of Ministry	9 RR—Wilson Dist Field Day
10 Girl's Ministries Day	11 Lumberton District Conf	12 Wilson District Conf Conference Board Meeting	13 North Hispanic District Conf	14 Wilmington District Conf	15 Men's Ministries	16
17	18 Rocky Mount District Conf	19 Raleigh District Conf Evangelism Board	20	21 Morehead City District Conf	22 POW WOW	23
24	25 Greenville District Conf	26 Fayetteville District Conf	27 South Hispanic District Conf	28 Goldsboro District Conf	29 Fresh Fire	30

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October 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Hispanic Leadership Committee	5 Holmes Feast Emmanuel Trustees	6 Emmanuel Feast LTA Compost Ranger Kids Skills Emmanuel Trustees School of Ministry	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10 Royal Ranger Week	11 World Missions FESTS	12 Conference Board Meeting RR—Wils Dist Staff	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 CEM Board Meeting	20 Girl's Ministry Convention Falcon	21
22	23	24 Archives Committee Meeting	25	26	27 RR Ral, RM, & Wils Dist Round-Up Hispanic Pastors Retreat	28
29	30	31				

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November 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hispanic Leadership Committee	2	3	4 WIN Training RR—Wils Dist Pinewood Derby
5	6 RR—NTC @ Brown Summit	7 Election Day	8	9	10 RR—NTC @ Brown Summit School of Ministry	11 Veteran's Day RR ICS and Conf & Dist Staff Mtg
12	13	14 Evangelism Board	15	16 Conference Board Meeting	17 RR FCI Fall Trace Hispanic INE	18
19	20	21 Harvest Train	22 Conference Office Closes At Noon	23 Thanksgiving Conference Office Closed	24	25 RR Golds Dist Pinewood Derby
26	27	28	29	30		

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December 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Hispanic Convention	2 RR Golds Raleigh Greenville & Fay Dist Comm Mtg
3	4	5 Conference Boards Party	6 Hispanic Leadership Committee	7 Superannuate Luncheon RR Wils Dist Comm Mtg	8 School of Ministry	9
10	11	12	13	14 Conference Board Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Conference Office Christmas Party—PM	22 Conference Office Closed for Holiday	23
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He hath made everything beautiful in His time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11

Sanctity of Human Life Week

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Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

What Will Be the Message of the Church in 2006?

We are entering a new year that will contain many opportunities and challenges. There will be new privileges to do God's will and to proclaim the message of our risen Lord. It will be a new year, but the message will be and should be the same. It should be a message of good news, of presenting the true gospel.

The fact that forgiveness, freedom from sin, and a new life are possible is good news. All this is possible through Jesus Christ. His message and His story are called the "gospel," or "good news."

In the coming of Christ, God acted decisively in human history. By His death and resurrection, Christ overcame the demonic powers ruled over by Satan. At the same time, He delivered man from the law of sin and death.

In a very real sense, the good news we are to proclaim is God's gracious action in creating the world and re-creating the lives of men and women, restoring them to a loving relationship with Himself. It is God's saving activity within human history, foreshadowed in the writings of the Old Testament and embodied in the event of Christ, particularly in his vicarious death on the cross and his triumphant resurrection from the dead.

The good news is the acceptance of Christ as the way, the truth, and the life. It is our means of access through Christ to God's kingdom. It is the good news that sin has been forgiven and that God has freed us to be our true selves. It is the power of God to renew lives in the strength of His Spirit, and to weld people together in a true community – the church.

In the New Testament, the good news has two shades of meaning. It is the actual message on the lips of Jesus about the reign of God (Mark 1:14). Second, it is the story told about Jesus after His death and resurrection (Gal. 1:11-12).

The Lord has chosen to bring about the world's reconciliation in one particular way; there is only one gospel (Heb 1:1, 2). Since God is the One working through the saving activity of Jesus, God is also the Author of the gospel (1 Thess. 2:13). The gospel is God's message to mankind (Romans 15:16). Only God calls and commissions the messengers of this good news, and in addition, only God gives the messengers the story they are to make known (Romans 10:14,15, 1 John 1:5).

> *There are six fundamental truths about the gospel. Its origin is in God the Father, and its substance is Jesus Christ, His son. Its attestation is the scripture and its scope all the nations. Our immediate purpose in preaching it is to bring people to the obedience of faith, but our ultimate goal is the glory of the Name of Jesus.*
>
> John R. Stott
> Rector Emeritus
> of All Saints Church, London

Therefore, the proclamation of the good news is the continuation of the work God began in Jesus Christ. God's messengers are not merely telling about the history of salvation when they proclaim the good news; rather, they are an integral part of the work that continues through their efforts. The living Lord, Jesus Christ Himself, confronts listeners through the words of the messengers.

The good news lives. It is a living message, the pearl of great price, the leaven in the meal, the treasure in the field, the great net – full of all kinds of fish.

It is the primary message of the church. All other messages flow out of this central message – Jesus Christ is God's Son. He came, lived, and died for sinners. He was resurrected the third day. He is coming again. Through believing in Him, all men can be saved and find abundant life in Christ.

When a church loses sight of the primary purpose in proclaiming the good news, the church will fall into chaos and confusion. "Without a vision, the people perish!" So says the Scripture: When members of a church lose focus of the true mission, they run off into many diverse visions. They carry others with them.

The hope of any church is to stay to the original mission given by the Lord. Tell the good news! Live the good news! Plant other churches! Evangelize! The proclamation should always, even in adverse situations, be good news not bad news. There is enough bad news in the communities and in the world.

The original gospel transcended racial, social, and political divisions. This scenario equated to a revolution, the likes of which has never been seen in the world. So let it be again.

Michael Green, in *Let the Earth Hear His Voice*, characterized the gospel revolution in this way:

> *Master and slave ate together. Jew and Gentile ate together, unparalleled in the ancient world. Their fellowship was so vital that their leaders could be drawn from different races and cultures and colors and classes. Here was a fellowship in Christ which transcended all natural barriers. There was nothing like it anywhere – and there isn't still.*

May each church be reminded of her true purpose. May each of us continually "gossip" good news, not bad news.

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A NEW DAY – A RENEWED VISION – A NEW WORSHIP – MULTIPURPOSE CENTER

The first Julius A. Culbreth Memorial Auditorium was begun in 1926. It was built to replace a combined auditorium and school building that had burned on January 14, 1926. The auditorium was used only for camp meetings.

This replacement building was funded by private donations. The total cost was $10,000. Pictures of those who gave at least $500 were hung on the back wall. The building was built 120 feet by 120 feet to represent the 120 in the upper room, Acts 2. The building had seven doors (for perfection). The windows were open. Later, wire was added to the windows to keep out animals.

The building was begun in 1926 and finished in 1930. Wood shavings were used for the floor. Later, a concrete floor was added.

For 75 years, the existing camp meeting auditorium has been a place of ministry not only for the immediate geographical area, but for the greater expanse of the North Carolina Conference and, in many cases, the broader denominational programs and various ministries of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Only eternity will have an accurate record of the experiences of salvation and rich spiritual growth that have occurred in the original facility. "To God be the glory; great things He has done!"

On December 9, 2003, the conference in session, after much prayer and consideration, decided to replace the original camp meeting auditorium with a new multipurpose convention center which would be named the J. A. Culbreth Memorial Auditorium. The new building has almost 28,000 square feet of usable space, which is almost double the 14,400 square feet of the old building. The building is designed to seat up to 2,000. The first use of the building will always be as a worship center. The auditorium is always to lend itself to a worship atmosphere, with as little as possible to detract from this first and foremost objective. The approximate cost of the building is $2.8 million.

The main floor of the auditorium doubles as a sports arena, with a full basketball and volleyball court outlined in the sports carpet. There are also several smaller breakout rooms available when needed for small group training. Great sound and special lighting are also features of the new facility.

This building is another step by the North Carolina Conference Board to continue to develop the conference campus into a fully functional training center to serve the needs of all the ministries of the conference. The campus is equipped with adequate housing for overnight programs, a library second to none in our denomination, an operational School of Christian Ministry, five weeks of youth camps annually, plus departmental programs for men, women, and retired ministers. Presently, activities are being held on 50 of the year's 52 weekends. Other activities are held on weekdays for nearly every week of the year.

On Harvest Train Day, November 22, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., the new building was dedicated. Superintendent Elwood Long of the Falcon

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Rev. Mrs. Daisy Morris	January	2
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Rev. Buck Parnell	January	16
Rev. Jimmy Swinson	January	18
Rev. Raleigh Horton	January	22
Rev. James McCandless	January	22
Rev. Linwood Butts	January	29
Rev. Dempsey Winstead	January	30
Rev. Harold Turpin	February	2
Rev. W. H. Lewis	February	7
Rev. Hildred Potter	February	8
Rev. Frank Gentry	February	18
Rev. Tim Henry	February	26

Lamms Grove PH Church Special Event

November 20, 2005, was a very special day of celebration for the birthday of our eldest church member, Sister Zilphia Mae Batten Pittman. She was 90 years young on November 22. Lamms Grove has been "her church" all her life. She has filled almost all the church positions over the years, except pastor. She has served as deaconess, youth Sunday school teacher, adult Sunday school teacher, and official church director of programs for the youth as well as ladies' special events. Her duties also included secretary/treasurer of the church.

She has been a woman of God and an example of Christianity all her life. She is an excellent role model of faithful service for God and her church.

Her sons, Stearle, Gene, James Donahue, Harold Glen, and wives hosted a birthday party from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the church fellowship building. On the church sign was a message saying, "Happy Birthday, Sister Mae Pittman."

The Lamms Grove church is 91 years old. Sister Pittman has been a church member for 75 years. Her life is one of remarkable devotion to God and her church.

Pastor Tony Hawley presented her with a certificate of award for a lifetime of dedicated, loyal, and faithful service to the Lamms Grove PH Church.

Approximately 100 people attended the birthday party.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Through Gates of Splendor

by Elisabeth Elliot. Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers. 269 pages.

Written initially in 1956 after "Operation Auca, the missionary event that shocked the world when five young men were martyred by Auca Indians of Ecuador, and later changed a fierce and isolated tribe of people, and inspired a nation," *Through Gates of Splendor* by Elisabeth Elliot is a Christian classic celebrating fifty years of a great Christian story full of trouble, tragedy, tears, and triumph. The very people they were trying to reach for Christ killed Jim Elliott, Ed McCully, Pete Fleming, Roger Youderian, and Nate Saint. Their young wives were widowed tragically, and their young children were left without fathers.

Elliott explains in vivid detail the events that led up to the massacre and the key events that soon followed the massacre. The words are touching. The reader gets a real sense of being there. In spite of the dangers, those brave missionaries labored to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jim Elliott wrote that he did not seek a long life, but a full one, just like the Lord Jesus. His desire was granted.

A pictorial story is also provided that helps the reader grasp the reality of it all. These were real men, willing to sacrifice all, going to a dark, isolated area where naked Indians needed Jesus Christ. They knew they were not going alone because wherever believers go to share the Gospel, Jesus is always present, ready to give courage and guidance every step of the way. What lances could not do is stop the Gospel. What misguided anger could not do is halt the love and good intentions of others who would continue the work of the five martyrs. As Jim Elliott wrote, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." In a real sense, Jim did not lose his life. He found it; He found it in Jesus Christ. He may have died physically, but look what he has gained in the Kingdom of heaven!

Charles Swindoll wrote, *"Through Gates of Splendor* is a powerful wake-up call to all who may feel reluctant about serving Christ. Many years have passed since I first read it ... and I am still grateful. In fact, I would say, without hesitation, God used this book to change my life." A recent movie entitled *Beyond the Gates of Splendor* has been produced based on the true story of the five Christian martyrs of Ecuador. Hollywood could not write a story like this one. Let the Lord of grace and glory receive all the credit, for He alone is worthy!

Nelson's Annual Preacher's Sourcebook

2006 edition, edited by Robert J. Morgan. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers. 415 pages.

For the amount of money the reader would pay to own this book, a lot of good information is given to help the preacher in his or her ministry. Whether it is a timely message, a special quote, a children's sermon, helps for the preacher's family, classics for the pastor's library, Christian biographies, inspirational notes for the church bulletin, pastoral prayers, kids' talk, or calendar pages to keep pace with the Christian year, the reader will certainly be inspired and encouraged by the volume of useful information.

Eye-opening statistics and challenging stories abound within the pages. Worship notes and worship ideas provide a wealth of information designed to help the busy pastor. Besides occasional offertory comments, a listing of appropriate hymns and songs offer helpful suggestions. Seven special-occasion sermons are given as well.

Included with the book is a CD that contains all the information from the book that can be adapted to your personal needs. It is a fresh resource and a virtual gold mine of information. It just may make your life a little easier.

Faithfulness and Holiness: The Witness of J. C. Ryle

(An Appreciation by J. I. Packer) Wheaton: Crossway Books. 272 pages.

The impact of J. C. Ryle continues into the 21st century as J. I. Packer, the extraordinary Christian historian, theologian, and writer, presents Ryle as a great Christian in his achievements, his colossal impact upon others as a benchmark figure, and his universality, which reached across denominational lines to minister and instruct others in the most holy faith.

With an insatiable hunger for truth, the "Puritan bishop," as he was affectionately called, certainly made his mark in the publication of *Holiness*, which has blessed lives since its first printing, as Ryle sought to humble the sinner, exalt the Savior, and promote holiness or sanctification. Charles Spurgeon called Bishop Ryle the best man in the Church of England! Packer sheds light on the bishop, the man of granite with the heart of a little child, including his personal life and his preaching, which was said to be always bold and aggressive and downright.

Pentecostals need not be afraid of the Puritans or Puritan-like men because the common denominator among all believers is love for God and for our fellow man. To be cold toward Puritanism is to prove ignorant of real holiness. Bishop Ryle sought to be Bible-centered, God-centered, Christ-centered, Cross-centered, and salvation-centered throughout his life and writings. He called for Christians to ask for the old paths. The light from the old times will guide the church today if she will be warned by the beacon. He warned about the wrong road and the dangerous bypaths of methodologies and theologies. Attuned to the immensities and the eternities, he sought to lift up the holy name of God and to call everyone to holiness of life and witness.

True holiness involves not only conversion of life and soul, but also consecration of the whole life before God. The Christian experience without consecration has no resemblance to scriptural holiness. Holiness people are consecrated people. Holiness people adorn the doctrine of God with personal godliness. The doctrine of sanctification deserves greater attention from the pulpit and the lecterns than it is receiving today. The message of holiness is as relevant today as it was back in the days of Ryle. In fact, the message of holiness, its value, importance, and very existence, goes all the way back to eternity, for our God is infinitely holy.

After Packer gives a wonderful survey of the life of Bishop Ryle, he allows the Bishop to speak for himself through his 1877 work, *Holiness*. It is worth the cost, no doubt. Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"The land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year."

(Deuteronomy 11:11-12)

Dear Women of God:

As I reflect on the year 2005, I want to thank each of you who have given so unselfishly to support the work of Women's Ministries. Many of you have gone the extra mile to meet the needs of those in your home and church as well as other parts of the country and around the world. God has proved Himself over and over again as our Provider.

January always brings an opportunity for a new beginning. It had been a long journey for the children of Israel who were now encamped on the eastern banks of the Jordan overlooking their promised land. They were to cross over to their own new beginning. But before they crossed the river, Moses gave them a challenge and a reminder of some very important things to take with them as they crossed over.

As we stand now on the brink of this new year, we do so with the same challenges Moses gave his people. As we, ourselves, now have crossed over into the new year, we are reminded of:

I.	God's provision	(Deuteronomy 11:11)
II.	God's presence	(Deuteronomy 11:12)
III.	God's promise	(Deuteronomy 11:13-15)
IV.	God's protection	(Deuteronomy 11:16-24)

The NCWM Board and I are looking forward to this new year. May the Lord continue to bless each of you as we work together to build His kingdom.

In His Love,

"Mrs. Patsy"

"In What Position Do I Pray?"

taken from

Becoming a Prayer Warrior

by Elizabeth Alves

Sitting	1 Chronicles 17:16-27
Kneeling	1 Kings 8:54
Bowing	Exodus 34:8
Standing	Mark 11:25
With Uplifted Hands	2 Chronicles 6:12, 13
Walking	2 Kings 4:35
Prostrate	Joshua 7:6

"Whether you sit, stand, bow, or kneel, it is the position of your heart that matters most. Whatever you do, do it as unto the Lord, and always be careful not to make a ritual out of your worship to God."

Nutty Graham Crisp

1 pkg. Graham crackers
1 stick margarine
1 stick butter
½ c. sugar
½ c. nuts, chopped fine (pecans work best)

Line baking sheet with foil. Layer one package Graham crackers (about 40 to 44) on foil. Mix stick margarine, stick butter, and sugar in saucepan. Boil on medium heat for 3 minutes. Pour sauce slowly over Graham crackers; sprinkle with nuts. Bake ten minutes or until bubbly. Remove from oven and remove from foil as soon as possible. Lay on clean sheet of foil to cool. Store in airtight container. (Lois Trueblood sent in this recipe for everyone who went on the Happy Hearts trip to New York. Enjoy!)

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"Partners in Ministry"

Be Men of Courage

1 Corithians 16:13, 14 reads, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love."

It is hard today to do this because we are so busy. We must put ourselves in check so as not to lose our faith, our courage, our strength, or our love. We need to lean on one another and hold one another accountable. We need to take these scriptures and build on our marriage.

Not too long ago, I came across an article I would like to share. This article was written by Bill Hybels:

For a marriage relationship to flourish there must be intimacy. It takes an enormous amount of courage to say to your spouse, "This is me. I'm not proud of it – in fact, I'm a little embarrassed by it – but this is who I am." Our marriage is in serious trouble, and we've got to do something about it. What do most people do? They put their problems on the back burner and go their own directions. While they pursue their own careers and their own recreations, the marriage disintegrates from lack of courage. They did not have the courage to put on the gloves and say, "Let's fight for this marriage. Let's go to a marriage retreat. Let's see a marriage counselor. Let's get together with another couple we respect. Let's lay it out on the table and solve these problems instead of running from them." It takes courage to fight off the "greener grass" temptations, to work through layer after layer of masks, cover ups, and defense mechanisms, to keep working on that marriage year after year. Relational courage does not apply only to the husband-wife relationship. It also takes relational courage to build significant relationships with friends, to look another person in the eye and say, "Isn't it time we stopped talking about the weather and the stock market and started talking about what's going on in your life and mine? Isn't it time we became brothers?" Not many men have the courage to challenge each other, to fight for each other's spiritual and relational growth. But I have learned over the years that I will never be a success in my marriage, with my kids or with my friends, without courage.

"BUILDING OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE"

2006 JOINT NCWM LEADERSHIP SEMINAR WITH MEN'S MINISTRIES!

All Men's Ministries and Women's Ministries leadership is invited to attend this combined training. Special guest speakers include Ronnie Basden, Randy Hardee, Rev. Jimmy Whitfield, and the NCWM Board.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2006

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(For directions, please call the church or go to mapquest.com)

COST: $10.00 per person (brown bag lunch included)
Registration 8:30 a.m.
Sessions are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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2006: "That I May Know Him"

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformed unto his death. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things, which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" (Phil. 3:10, 13).

Wanting to know Him more this year will bring us to an abundant life in 2006.

Full Living Is in Christ! Ways to Know Him:

1. **Make it an act of your will and desire.** A DECISION IS MADE AND ACTED ON.
   Psalm 100:3 – "Know ye that the Lord he is God: It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pastures."
   Psalm 63:1 – "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is."

2. **Daily taking time for prayer, Bible reading, and fasting.** BE A DISCIPLINED BELIEVER.
   2 Peter 3:18 – "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
   Psalm 19:10 – "More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."

3. **Meditating on His word and taking the time to listen to God with an open heart.** Listening to God's word, reflecting on God's works, rehearsing God's deeds, ruminating on God's law. So you change your behavior as a result of your encounter with the living God. Repentance and obedience are essential features in any biblical understanding of meditation.
   Psalm 101:2 – "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way."
   Psalm 119:97 – "O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day."
   Psalm 119:105 – "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

4. **Worshiping Him.** "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God." (William Temple)

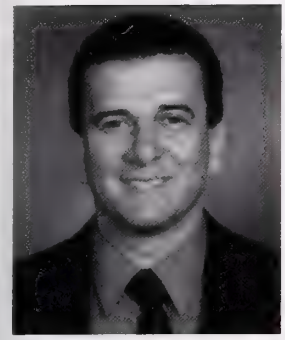
   John 4:23 – "But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."
   Ezekiel 44: 15 – "They shall come near to me to minister unto me."
   Hebrews 13:15 – "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

5. **Have a heart of a servant; serve Him and others. The towel is a sign of love and service.**
   John 13:14,15 – "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."
   Colossians 3:17, 23 – "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men."
   Ephesians 6:7 – "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men."

6. **Passion for God and His work.**
   Psalm 63:8 – "My soul followeth hard after thee."
   Psalm 62:5 – "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him."

7. **Expect to see God and receive your reward.**
   Hebrews 11: 6 – "He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him."
   Psalm 17:15 – "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."

"O Lord, I declare that 2006 will be a year of seeking You as never before!"



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

QUE AÑO!

Este año 2005 estuvo lleno de grandes bendiciones y victorias de parte de nuestro Dios, pero ahora el año 2005 es historia. Un año nuevo empezamos y debemos estar muy atentos en dónde y cómo Dios estará moviendo Su poder y voluntad. Podemos dar un gran "Gloria a Dios," porque 2005 fue un año de milagros, pero este que empezamos no será la excepción. Con la declaración y vivencia práctica diaria de "nuestra suficiencia esta en Dios," este año 2006 vendrá con retos aun mayores y victorias por ganar. En Dios tenemos anticipada la victoria, solo que debemos salir a buscarla. El nos ha equipado con armas para pelear la guerra, herramientas para hacer el trabajo, recursos para nuestra provisión diaria, fuerzas para estar en pie y visión para alcanzar lo que El ha puesto en nuestro corazón.

Podemos decir tantas cosas acerca del año que acaba de pasar: Por ejemplo, en el ministerio hispano de nuestra conferencia, terminamos el año con casi 50 iglesias entre iglesias organizadas y campos de misión; también terminamos con 69 ministros hispanos. Tuvimos una buena asistencia en todos los eventos.

Las iglesias han crecido, los ministros se han fortalecido en Dios y muchas otras cosas que podemos decir. Pero como dije antes, eso es el pasado; ahora vivimos el presente y nos proyectamos al futuro. Un futuro en Dios, brillante y fructifero si no olvidamos que nuestra suficiencia está en Dios. Y con Pablo el apostol decimos: "olvidando ciertamente lo que queda atrás, y extendiéndome a lo que está delante ..." (Filipenses 3:13) y tambien declaramos con el profeta Jeremías: "... porque nunca decayeron sus misericordias. Nuevas son cada mañana; grande es tu fidelidad." (Lamentaciones 3:22,23)

Cada logro, cada victoria, cada paso de fe que damos, cada manifestación de Dios en nuestra vida y ministerio, es una misericordia de El. Si son nuevas cada mañana, significa que vivimos cada día con algo nuevo de parte de Dios.

El único lugar donde debemos regresar en el pasado, es el lugar (tiempo, ocasión, espacio) de donde Dios nos sacó y nos trajo donde estamos ahora; con el propósito de no perder nuestra capacidad de vivir asombrados por las bondades de Dios y entonces vivir continuamente dependiendo de El y mostrando en todas nuestras actividades y diario vivir que nuestra "suficiencia esta en Dios".

Como buenos lideres debemos tomar decisiones sabias, pero al mismo tiempo nos damos cuenta que los resultados estan en la mano de Dios. Nosotros como obreros somos administradores de lo que es de Dios, no de lo nuestro. Por eso, aunque como líderes estamos a cargo, el control lo tiene Dios.

La Biblia en ingles de la NKJV en 1 Corintios 3:5,6 tres veces menciona la palabra suficiente unido a tres aspectos de nuestra relación con Dios y el ministerio que hemos recibido de El:

- No somos suficientes en nosotros mismos
- Nuestra suficiencia viene de Dios
- Nos hizo suficientes como ministros

El hecho de ser suficientes como ministros es el resultado de reconocer y vivir con la verdad de que nuestra suficiencia viene de Dios y que por nosotros mismos no somos suficientes.

Con la verdad en nuestra mente y corazón de que nuestra suficiencia viene de Dios, pensemos en las siguientes necesarias actitudes para este año 2006:

1. Pasion. Pasión ardiente, profunda y solida por Dios, no importa cuales sean las circunstancias, tentaciones y pruebas que nos vengan. Una intimidad mayor y más significativa con Dios, no permitiendo que las actividades, el cansancio, ni la frustración consuman nuestras energías y todo nuestro tiempo. Intimidad con Dios por medio de la oración y la lectura y estudio personal de Su Palabra.

2. Visión, compasión y acción: Tres cosas importantes en la evangelización y alcance de la iglesia.

- Ver las oportunidades de ministerio
- Ver las posibilidades de hacer cosas grandes para Dios
- Ver nuestro propio potencial en Dios para lograr todo lo que podemos para el Reino de Dios.

Amando la gente perdida sin Dios y la iglesia del Señor Jesucristo, de tal manera que nos lleve a la acción. No la acción de un activismo vacío y sin frutos, sino a la realización de los eventos guiados por Dios y llevados a acabo con tal sentido de dirección que produzca la ganancia de muchas almas para Cristo y el fortalecimiento y crecimiento de la iglesia del Señor. El éxito es de los que sueñan!

3. Disposición: Al dejarse usar por Dios amando la integridad y la rectitud, porque es así que podemos ser instrumentos de poder en las manos del Señor. El liderazgo se construye sobre el fundamento del carácter y no sobre los dones, habilidades o carisma personal. La única persona que puede impedir que yo sea lo que Dios quiere que yo sea soy "yo".

4. Conciencia en lo que decido: Uso este término para referirme a las decisiones que está tomando hoy. Lo que haga hoy, le afectará mañana. Qué está haciendo hoy, que esté haciendo una diferencia para la eternidad?

5. Actitud corporal: Hay dos áreas a las que deseo referirme con esto:

a. La primera área es a la de operar o funcionar bajo nuestras autoridades. Algunos se individualizan pensando que así están libres, pero olvidan que la mejor libertad es vivir sometidos a las autoridades. Ademas al ejercer autoridad, debemos estar bajo autoridad. La autoridad verdadera siempre se relaciona con un andar por sendas de pureza y la perseverancia en la adoración y esto funciona mejor dentro del cuerpo.

b. La segunda cosa es que usted y yo solo somos una persona en el cuerpo de Cristo, así que nos necesitamos unos a otros para apoyarnos y trabajar juntos, mucho más se puede lograr trabajando juntos que haciéndolo sólo.

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6. Entrenamiento: Necesitamos entender los desafios y demandas del liderazgo del siglo 21, esto solo lo podemos lograr cuando nos estamos preparando continuamente, aprendiendo a funcionar mejor en nuestro liderazgo.

7. Cooperación: Entre usted y los obreros que se están levantado en las iglesias. Construyamos puentes de respeto, entendimiento y colaboración para que más líderes se levanten y desarrollen para el servicio del Señor. Recuerde que Dios llama, capacita, envía y sostiene a sus obreros. Seamos parte de ese proceso del Señor en las nuevas generaciones de obreros que están surgiendo.

8. Orientación familiar: Me refiero al valor de nuestras familias. Nuestros deberes en el hogar son: enseñar, guiar, proveer, criar, controlar y amar. Cuando fallamos en el cumplimiento de alguna de estas áreas, nuestros hogares empiezan a funcionar mal. Dios desea también proyectar Su influencia por medio de nuestro hogar y no solo de nosotros como individuos.

9. Planificación: Planear es parte importante de nuestro ministerio y lo que estamos haciendo en la obra de Dios. Establezca metas para este año, examine sus estrategias de trabajo, haga cambios y organice sabiamente todo lo que desea realizar.

10. Fluir: El año 2006 marca el 100 aniversario del avivamiento de Azusa Street en los Angeles California. Aunque ese evento marcó el gran mover pentecostal, sin embargo necesitamos movernos hacia delante en un fluir fresco y nuevo del Espíritu Santo. La presencia y el poder del Espíritu, jamás deben ser ignorados o tomados en poco. Jamás nunca pueden ser sustituidos por ninguna otra cosa. Sin presencia y poder del Espíritu perdemos la influencia en este mundo, quiero decir la influencia de Dios por medio de nosotros. Que fluya el Espíritu Santo y que haya en nuestras vidas e iglesias un nuevo Pentecostal o un nuevo Azusa Street. El conformismo puede llevarnos lejos de experimentar lo que Dios quiere hacer en nuestro medio. Busquemos a Dios y viviremos. (Amós 5:4, 6, 8, 14)

Así mis hermanos termino mencionando lo que el pueblo de Dios dijo a Moisés: "Acércate tú, y oye todas las cosas que dijere Jehová nuestro Dios; y tú nos dirás todo lo que Jehová nuestro Dios te dijere, y nosotros oiremos y haremos." (Dt. 5:27)

Oigamos a Dios, sigamos su dirección y entonces señalemos el camino a los demás en este año 2006. Que año!, nuestra suficiencia esta en Dios.

WHAT A YEAR!

The year 2005 was full of great blessings and victories on behalf of our God, but now 2005 is history. Another new year has begun, and we should be very attentive to where and how God will be moving His power and will. We could give a great "Glory to God," because 2005 was a year of miracles, but this new year we are beginning is not the exception. With our declaration and daily practice of "our sufficiency is of God," 2006 will come with greater challenges and victories that we have to win. In God we anticipate the victory, but we should go out and look for it. He has equipped us with weapons in order to fight the war, tools in order to do the work, resources for our daily provision, forces in order to stand up, and vision in order to reach what He has put in our heart.

We could say many things about the year that has just passed: For instance, in the Hispanic ministry of our conference, we finished the year with almost 50 churches between organized churches and church missions; we also finished with 69 Hispanic ministers. We had good attendance in all the events.

The churches have grown; the ministers have been strengthened in God, and we could say many other things. But as I said before, that is in the past; now we are living in the present and projecting into the future: a future in God, brilliant and fruitful if we do not forget that our sufficiency is of God. And with the Apostle Paul we say, "But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead" (Philippians 3:13), and we also declare with Jeremiah the Prophet, "His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22, 23).

Each achievement, each victory, each step of faith we take, and each manifestation of God in our life and ministry is one of His mercies. If there are new mercies every morning, it means that we live every day with something new from God.

The only place to which we should return in the past is the place (time, occasion, space) where God took us out and brought us to where we are now, with the purpose of not losing our capacity to live astonished by the kindness of God, and then living continually dependent on Him and showing in all our activities and daily basics that "our sufficiency is of GOD."

As good leaders, we should make wise decisions, but at the same time realize that the results are in the hands of God. As workers, we are stewards of what is of God, not what belongs to us; for that reason, although we as leaders are in charge, God has control.

The Bible (NKJV) states the word *sufficiency* three times in 1 Corinthians 3:5, 6, and that is related to three aspects of our relationship with God and the ministry we have received from Him:

- We are not sufficient of ourselves.
- Our sufficiency is from God.
- He made us sufficient as ministers.

He made us sufficient ministers as a result of recognizing and living with the truth that our sufficiency is from God, and in ourselves, we are not sufficient.

With that truth in mind and heart – that our sufficiency is from God – let's think of the following necessary attitudes for this year 2006:

1. Passion: Burning passion, deep and rooted in God, no matter what the circumstances are, what temptations come, and what trials appear. A greater intimacy and more significance with God, not permitting activities, fatigue, nor frustration to consume all our energy and our time. Intimacy with God by means of prayer and reading and personal study of His Word.

2. Vision, compassion, and action: I consider these three aspects important to evangelization and the outreach of the church. With vision we can:

- See opportunities for ministry.
- See possibilities of doing great things for God.
- See our own potential in God in order to achieve all we are able to achieve for the Kingdom of God, loving lost people without God and the church of the Lord Jesus Christ in a way that leads us to action: not the action of an empty activism without fruits, but the realization of events being guided by God and leading to execution with wise direction, to gain souls for Christ and to strengthen and grow the Lord's church. "Success belongs to those who dream."

3. Willingness: Allowing God to use our lives, loving integrity and purity, because in that way we can be instruments of power in the hands of God. Leadership is built on the foundation of character and not on gifts, abilities, or personal charisma. The only person who could prevent me from being what God wants for me is myself.

4. Decision-making awareness: I use this expression in order to refer to the decisions

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Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

EVANGELISM

Only eternity can accurately detail what has been accomplished in the Kingdom for any period of time. The call to salvation is indeed a great privilege given us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; subsequently, the call into ministry – our commission. 2005 has truly been a wonderful year of growth, maturity, and revitalization. By year's end we will have organized and/or started 14/15 churches; I believe also we will exceed $1.5 million in total Missions giving, even excluding in that total over $150,000 in Katrina relief (DRUSA). There have been numerous testimonies from pastors and individuals of a spirit of revival and the harvest of souls in local settings. However, though we have cause to praise and glorify God for all that happened in 2005, we can't pause or boast in ourselves. We can use the testimony of blessing to reach forward for an even greater year in 2006. Our theme is "Our Sufficiency is of God ... Therefore." LET US EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD.

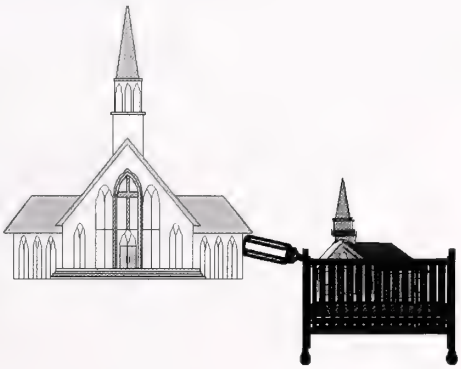
This year must be a year of continued revitalization and of churches "GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL."

I believe every church has the potential to grow, to go to the Next Level. We must free ourselves from the mentality that we can't grow. *Every church in this conference is important and vital regardless of membership or attendance.* Evangelism Ministries wants to put tools into your hands to enable you to challenge and train your people to prepare for and realize growth.

On Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, 2006, CEM and Evangelism Ministries will jointly sponsor the **2006 CEM and Evangelism Convention,** an awesome training for your church to enable them to go to the next level. Our trainers/speakers will be Elmer Towns and Stan Toler. I'm excited at the prospects, and I challenge you to take advantage of these important dates. More information is forthcoming.

I also believe there are churches in Eastern N.C. just waiting to be birthed. There are a number of churches in this conference who can become mothering churches. We have scheduled two **Evangelism Rallies** on Monday and Tuesday, March 6-7, 2006 to enhance this concept. Our speaker in both rallies will be Bishop Tony Miller. The IPHC must become a "Church Planting" movement because the planting of churches is the single most effective method of evangelism!

We must also continue to reach into all ethnicities located in Eastern N.C. God has blessed and is blessing our effort to reach the growing population of Hispanics in N.C. We have 46 Hispanic churches and groups, and we intend to have 100 by 2010. We have been praying



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for the door to open to us to connect to the Black population in N.C. As of this article we have four solid contacts with Black ministers/congregations that we pray will blossom into full fellowship. Our goal is not only to contact and receive existing Black congregations, but to plant IPHC churches among the Black people.

I challenge every church in this Conference to become a part of the thrust of the IPHC: TO REACH THREE, PLANT THREE—MAKE DISCIPLES. Every spiritually healthy Christian should be reproducing himself, and every spiritually healthy church must do the same: REPRODUCE ITSELF!

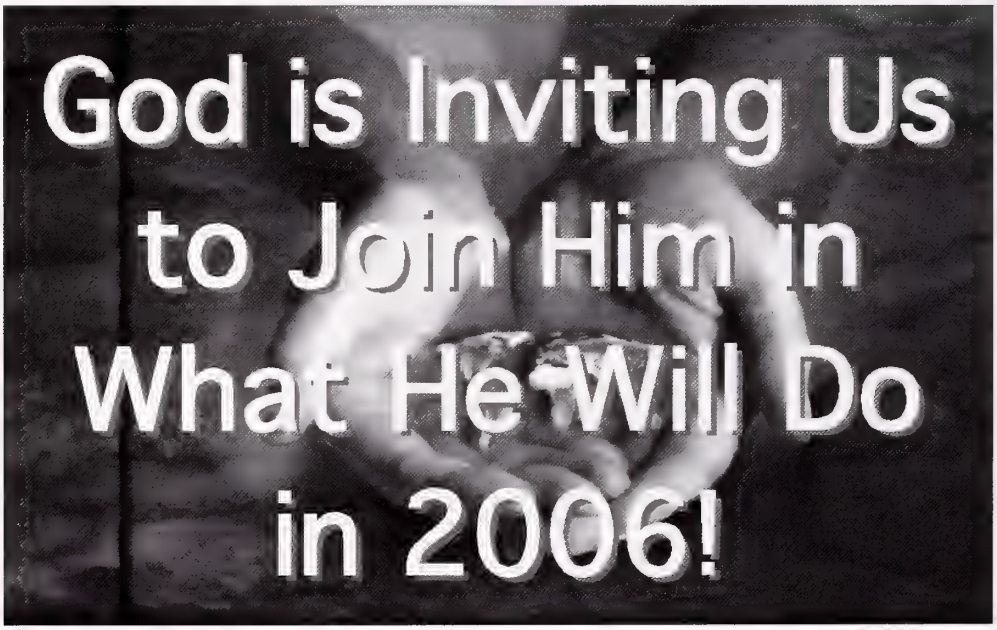
MISSIONS

God is truly using the IPHC to "Globally Evangelize" our world. However, with that said, we've still only scratched the surface. World Missions can never be a local church OPTION. It is imperative that one of our four pulpits (Acts 1:8) be "the uttermost parts of the earth." My goal is that every member of every church become "missions aware" and develop into a supporter of World Missions Ministries. This Conference has been the leader in our movement in a number of areas, and Missions must continue to be one of them. We want to break the $2,000,000 barrier! This is totally within our reach.

Per capita giving—per person—is one area we can address personally that will get us beyond the $2,000,000 barrier. Probably a majority of PH homes/families have one, two, or all three of the following: cell phone service, Internet service, cable/dish TV service. A conservative MONTHLY figure of charges for all three would be $100; most likely much higher. Multiply that by twelve (months) and that is $1200. Now a figure that blows my mind when the above information is put into perspective: In the N.C. conference we've reached $55.03 per capita giving in WMM in 2004. That means $55.03 for the YEAR, not per month. Would you agree with me that we can do much better? Let's reach for $75.00 per capita in 2006! That would break the $2,000,000 barrier!

Our Global Outreach/Missions kickoff will be taking place during our Great Commission Meals, January 16-31, 2006. We use these 14 meals to motivate our pastors, local Missions directors, and people to meet the challenge of global evangelization through the special Global Outreach offering and to become aware of all that is taking place, and plans for every area of World Missions ministries.

I pray that 2006 will be the greatest year ever in your locale for WMM!



REMEMBER! We're investing in Eternity.

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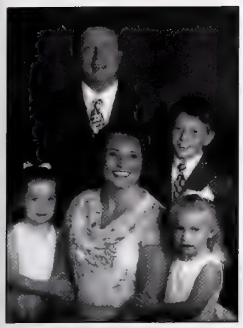

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Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Walk the Walk in 2006

Early on, in the very first book in the Bible, we read, "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.... But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he **walked** with God." **Walking** with God is just as rare in *our* generation. Religion isn't rare. Spirituality is popular these days. But **walking** with God is uncommon. Yet this **walking** is precisely what differentiates real Christians from their plastic toy-store counterparts.

Walking along the stony beach of Galilee, Jesus sees some fishermen. "Follow me," He says; "follow me." They leave the fishing nets with their astonished father and follow. He sees a tax collector sitting in his office. "Follow me," He says, and Matthew pushes back his chair, hangs a "closed" sign in the window, and follows. **Walking** with God can't wait until a commercial break or a convenient point in our lives. It is now. **Walking** with God is marked by its immediacy as well as its costliness. "What must I do to have eternal life?" asks a finely dressed young man. "Give away your wealth to the poor," says Jesus, "and follow me." The man's pace slows. He drops out of the journey. Jesus asks too much of his **walkers**. "Whoever would follow me," Jesus says, "must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow."

God's heart breaks at the sight of men and women lost in time, on their own paths spiraling down into the pits of compromise and self-absorption and degradation. He's created them for fellowship with the Most High, and all they can do is offer explanations and excuses for their deaf ears and numbed feet and self-willed souls.

God is grieved. And in His heartbreak He turns to someone who "**walks**" with Him – Noah, a man who is circumspect in the way he lives, in spite of the moral cesspool around him. God finds pleasure in this **walker** who listens when He speaks, who turns when God's direction changes, who obeys when he hears a new word. God is pleased. "I want you to build an ark, Noah. I want you to build it longer than a football field and as high as a four-story house."

"It'll take a lot of wood, Lord."

"I know. That's why I've prospered you all these years and given you wealth. This is what you are to do with it."

"It'll take lots of workers, Lord."

"You and your sons and your servants can do it."

"It'll take lots of time, Lord."

"I have given you long life for just this purpose."

"Then we'll do it, Lord. Yes, we'll do it."

On our **walk** with God, He asks of us some big things: things undreamed of, things impossible, things uncomfortable, things that stretch us to the limit. Some drop out at this point. Some don't continue the journey.

"I'll follow you wherever you go," says one.

"Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head," Jesus replies. Jesus utters a hard saying, and many of his band of **walkers** desert wholesale. "Will you also go away?" He asks His closest followers. "Will you leave, as well?" He asks this question of you, too. Will you continue to follow? Will you remain faithful to **walk** with God? Will you be one of those rare individuals who please the heart of God? Who bring pleasure to a heartbroken Father? I want to be one of those, and I think you do, too. There's no higher honor we can aspire to than for people to say about us what is recorded about Noah of old: "He **walked** with God."

CEM Evangelism Convention 2006

March 24th & 25th Falcon, NC

For more info. call 910-980-1162

Guest Speakers: **Stan Toler & Elmer Towns**

January 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Youth Gathering in Falcon 5 PM New Years Day	2 RR—RM Dist. Comm. Mtg. Office Closed	3	4 Hispanic Leadership Committee	5	6 RR—Wilson & Raleigh Dist. Comm. Mtg.	7 RR—Clinton Dist. Comm. Mtg.
8	9	10	11 Conference Day of Prayer	12	13 School Of Ministry National Royal Ranger Council	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed	17 Conference Board Meeting Missions — Great Commission Meals	18	19	20 Hispanic INE	21
22	23 Missions —— Great Commission Meals	24	25	26 RR—Wilson Dist. Campout Fire & Ice—Tennessee	27	28 WM Leadership Seminar
29	30 Missions — Great Commission Meals	31 CEM Board Mtg. RR—All Charters Due RR—Pre-regist For ROTY & Leaders Awards				

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February 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hispanic Leadership Committee Great Commission Meals	2 Minister's & Spouse Retreat	3 RR—Clinton Dist. Campout	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Talent—Greenville & Williamston Showcase School of Ministry	11 Talent—Raleigh & RM Show-case & Lumb. & Wilm. Showcase RR—FCF Phase II Deadline
12	13	14 Evangelism Board Mtg Valentine's Day	15	16 Conference Board Meet-ing Talent—Morehead & NB Showcase	17 Talent—Clinton & Goldsboro Showcase	18 RR—Ranger Basics – Goldsboro Talent—Fay & Wilson Showcase
19	20 President's Day SAC & Board Vision Retreat	21	22	23	24	25 RR—Conference Pinewood Derby MWF Board Meeting
26	27	28				

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March 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday Hispanic Leadership Committee	2	3 Youth Gathering In Falcon 7:30 p.m. RR—FCF Phase II in Falcon	4 Conference Talent—Drama, Creative Arts & Writing
5	6 RR—Conf. & Dist. Staff Mtg. Evangelism Rallies with Tony Miller	7 Conference Committees Meet	8	9 RR—Wilson & Clinton Dist. Comm. Mtg.	10 Emmanuel College Board School of Ministry	11 Conference Talent—Music
12	13	14 Conference Board Meeting	15	16 RR—Goldsboro Dist. Comm. Mtg	17 Women's Ministries Retreat	18
19	20	21 New Ministers Day	22	23	24 CEM/Evangelism Convention	25
26	27 Lumberton Wilmington Dist Conf Spring District Conferences	28 Goldsboro Greenville Dist Conf Spring District Conferences	29 Hispanic North Dist Conf. Spring District Conferences	30 Raleigh Wilson Dist Conf Spring District Conferences	31 MLT Training—Falcon Spring District Conferences	April 1 Spring District Conferences

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April 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Resurrection Offering For CEM can be taken any Sunday this month.						1 Archives Training RR—ROTY in Falcon MLT Training
2 Youth Pastor Appreciation Sunday	3 Fayetteville Clinton Dist Conf Spring District Conferences	4 New Bern Morehead City Dist Conf Spring District Conferences	5 Hispanic Leadership Committee Hispanic South Districts Spring District Conferences	6 Rocky Mount Williamston Dist Conf Spring District Conferences	7 RR—Ral., RM, Wilson Dist Round-Up & Fay. Dist. –Discipleship I &II School of Ministry	8 MWF Board Meeting
9 Palm Sunday	10	11 Evangelism Board & Missions Committee Joint Meeting	12	13	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter	17 Board Retreat	18 Board Retreat	19 Board Retreat	20 Board Retreat	21 Lady Ministers Training	22 RR—NC Conf. Comm. Award
23	24	25 Azusa Street Celebration	26 Azusa Street Celebration	27 Azusa Street Celebration	28 RR-FCF Family Trace Hispanic INE Azusa Street Celebration	29
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May 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Hispanic Leadership Committee	4 Examining Committee License	5 Examining Committee Ordination	6 W.M. Directors Council (Falcon) Emmanuel Graduation RR-Conf Ranger Kids Field Day
7	8	9	10	11 Conference Board Meeting	12	13 RR—Fay. Dist. Ranger Basics
	Retired Minister's Retreat				School of Ministry	
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
					RR—Wilson Dist. Backpacking Trip Greenville Dist. Round-Up Goldsboro Dist. Round-Up	
					Quadrennial Conference	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Conference Office Closed	30	31			

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June 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 W.M. Convention RR—Wilson & Clinton Dist. Pinewood Derby Paramount's Carowinds
4	5 RR—Conf. & Dist. Staff Mtg.	6	7 Hispanic Leadership Committee	8	9	10
					Wilson Dist. Archery Campout	
11	12	13 Conference Board Meeting	14	15 Lady Ministers Advisory Council RR—Golds. Dist Comm. Mtg.	16	17 RR-Safety & the Church/FCF Module, Wilson Dist.
				Falcon Youth Camp—High School Camp		
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
					RR– JCE-Cape Fear, Sanford	
Falcon Youth Camp—Middle School Camp					Falcon Youth Camp—Alpha Camp	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
FYC–Alpha Camp					FYC—Hispanic Camp	
Falcon Youth Camp—Omega Camp						

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July 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 FYC—Hispanic Camp
2 Falcon Youth Camp—Hispanic Camp	3	4 Independence Day Office Holiday	5 Hispanic Leadership Committee	6	7	8 MWF Board Meetmg RR-Ral Dist. Ranger Basics & Wils Dist First Aid
9	10	11	12	13 Conference Board Meeting	14 RR-GMA Merit Camp in Falcon	15
16	17 Youth Quest—Daytona	18	19	20	21 Hispanic INE	22
23	24	25	26	27 Evangelism Board Mtg.	28 RR-Wils. Dist. Canoe Trip	29
30	31					

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August 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Hispanic Leadership Committee	3 National Hispanic Pastors Conference	4	5
6 Falcon Camp Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 RR—Golds. Dist. Parent/Son Campout	12 RR—Wils. Dist. Ranger Kids Field Day
13 G.O. Celebration Service Falcon Camp Meeting	14 RR—Conf. & Dist. Staff Mtg.	15 Conference Board Meeting	16	17 Piney Grove Camp Meeting	18 School of Ministry	19 Paramount's Kings Dominion RR—Clinton Dist Comm. Mtg.
20 Piney Grove Camp Meeting	21	22 RR—Fay. & Raleigh Dist. Comm. Mtg.	23	24 RR—Golds. & Wils. Dist. Comm. Mtg.	25 Children's Ministry the 25th & 26th	26 RR—Successful Outpost Module –Golds. Dist. & Ranger Basics for Wils. & RM Dist.
27	28	29 Superintendent's SAC Meeting	30	31 Clinton District		

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September 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day Conference Office Closed	5 New Bern District Conf	6 Hispanic Leadership Committee	7 Williamston District Conf	8 School of Ministry	9 RR—Wilson Dist. Field Day
10 Girl's Ministries Day	11 Lumberton District Conf	12 Wilson District Conf Conference Board Meeting	13 North Hispanic District Conf	14 Wilmington District Conf	15 Men's Ministries	16
17	18 Rocky Mount District Conf	19 Raleigh District Conf Evangelism Board	20	21 Morehead City District Conf	22 POW WOW	23
24	25 Greenville District Conf	26 Fayetteville District Conf	27 South Hispanic District Conf	28 Goldsboro District Conf	29 Fresh Fire	30

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October 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Hispanic Leadership Committee	5 Holmes Feast Emmanuel Trustees	6 Emmanuel Feast LTA Campout/Ranger Kids Skills Emmanuel Trustees School of Ministry	7
8	9 Royal Ranger Week Columbus Day	10	11 World Missions F.E.S.T.S	12 Conference Board Meeting RR—Wils. Dist. Staff	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 CEM Board Meeting	20 Girl's Ministry Convention Falcon	21
22	23	24 Archives Committee Meeting	25	26	27 RR—Ral., RM, & Wils. Dist. Round-Up Hispanic Pastors Retreat	28
29	30	31				

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November 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hispanic Leadership Committee	2	3 RR—NTC @ Brown Summit	4 WIN Training RR—Wils. Dist. Pinewood Derby
5	6 RR—NTC @ Brown Summit	7 Election Day	8	9	10 School of Ministry	11 Veteran's Day RR-ICS and Conf. & Dist. Staff Mtg.
12	13	14 Evangelism Board	15	16 Conference Board Meeting	17 RR—FCF Fall Trace Hispanic INE	18
19	20	21 Harvest Train	22 Conference Office Closes At Noon	23 Thanksgiving Conference Office Closed	24	25 RR—Golds. Dist. Pinewood Derby
26	27	28	29	30		

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December 2006
NC Conference Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Hispanic Convention	2 RR—Golds, Raleigh, Greenville, & Fay Dist Comm. Mtg.
3	4	5 Conference Boards' Party	6 Hispanic Leadership Committee	7 Superannuate Luncheon RR-Wils. Dist. Comm. Mtg.	8 School of Ministry	9
10	11	12	13	14 Conference Board Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Conference Office Christmas Party—PM	22 Conference Office Closed for Holiday	23
24	25 Christmas Conference Office Closed for Christmas Holiday	26	27	28	29	30
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we are making today. What you do today will affect your tomorrow. What are you doing that is making a difference for eternity?

5. Corporate Attitude: There are two areas to which I want to refer with this:

- The first is the idea of operating or working under authority. Some leaders like to work by themselves, thinking they can be free, but they forget that the better freedom is to live submitted under authority. Also, upon exercising authority, we should be under authority. True authority always is related to a walk in paths of purity and perseverance in worship, and this works better within the Body.
- The second thing is, you and I are only persons in the body of Christ, so we need each other in order to support ourselves and work together; much more can be achieved by working together.

6. Training: We need to understand the challenges and demands of leadership in the 21st century; this can be achieved only when we are preparing ourselves continually, learning how to work better in leadership and in the ministry to which God has called us.

7. Cooperation: Between yourself and the workers who are being called by God in your local church, build bridges of respect, understanding, and collaboration, so that more leaders can rise up and develop for the service of the Lord. Remember that God calls, equips, sends, and supports His workers. Be a part of that process of the Lord in the new generation of leaders He is raising.

8. Family centered: I refer by this to the value of our families. Our duties in the home are to teach, guide, provide, raise, control, and love. When we fail in the execution of any of these areas, our homes begin to function in a wrong way. God wants to extend His influence by means of our homes, not only by means of individuals.

9. Planning: Planning is a very important part of our ministry and what we are doing in the work of God. Establish goals for this year, examine your work strategies, make changes, and organize wisely all that you want to do.

10. Flowing: The year 2006 marks the 100th anniversary of the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles, California. Although that event marked the great Pentecostal movement, we need to move toward a new and fresh flow of the Holy Spirit. The presence and the power of the Spirit should never be ignored or taken for granted. They never can be substituted for any other thing. Without the presence of and power from the Holy Spirit, we lose our influence here; I mean the influence of God by means of us. May the Holy Spirit flow in 2006 and there be a new Pentecost or a new Azusa Street in our lives and churches. Conformism could take us far from experiencing what God wants to do among us. "Seek the Lord and live" (Amos 5:4, 6, 8, 14). Let us seek the Lord and live.

So, my brethren, I want to finish by saying what the people of God told Moses: "You go near and hear all that the LORD our God may say, and tell us all that the LORD our God says to you, and we will hear and do it" (Deut. 5:27). Also I want to say what the people of God told Joshua: "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses" (Joshua 1:16, 17).

Let's heed God, as we continue in His direction and then point out the way for others to follow in this year 2006. What a year! Our sufficiency is of God.

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Children's Home was kind enough to adjust the time of the Harvest Train program to allow for the dedication. It was a glorious day.

The day began with a pre-dedication concert in the new building by the Jay Stone Singers of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Presiding Bishop James D. Leggett gave an inspiring and prophetic message to those assembled. Each of the ministry heads of the conference led a section of the litany of dedication. Over 1800 were present. The building was filled nearly to capacity. Most of all, the presence of the Lord was felt.

The completion of the new J. A. Culbreth Memorial Auditorium is a testimony to the forward thinking and planning of the conference forefathers in their proactive approach to ministry. The mantle that has been handed off to a new generation of leaders is a torch to give spiritual light to all races and every individual. The present leadership accepts this mantle and, with the Lord's help, will continue to follow the Lord's direction for excellence in ministry.

Special Note: Julius Ainslie Culbreth was a special, God-led and anointed lay leader of the North Carolina Conference and Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was instrumental in beginning the Falcon Camp Meeting, Falcon Holiness School, and Falcon Children's Home; he personally built the Octogan Tabernacle, the birth place of the present denomination. He was on the committee in 1910 that planned the church's merger with the Fire Baptized Holiness Church and a member of the committee that wrote the first *Discipline* in 1911.

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"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

I Corinthians 13:4-7, LB

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

2005 in Review

2005 was a most challenging year yet a rewarding year. It was a year that we endeavored to obey the Lord and say, "Yes, Lord." He did miracles in our midst.

The new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium was completed and dedicated. More than 1800 people were present at the dedication. The building is beautiful and can be used in many different services and in many ways. Well done, Mr. Harrell and Conference Board. Some 520 memorial bricks were sold and installed. They are impressive! Funds continue to come in. Hopefully the remainder of the Renewed Vision Campaign will be completed in 2006 – Octagon Bath Rooms, R.V. Court, and Sudie Butler guesthouse.

All the conference boards and department leaders were faithful and sacrificed in ministry in 2005. They worked hard! The year-end records will show great progress. Well done!

It was a record year in pastoral change for a non-quadrennial conference year. Some 32 pastors changed pulpits.

Churches have been planted. Churches have been revitalized. The Lord is at work in our midst.

2005 is history, but 2006 is just beginning. We have recognized that "our sufficiency is of God." "Therefore," we plan to move ahead in 2006. Lord willing, His work will move forward. We are His people. He is willing!

Here are some of my activities for 2005:

D. Chris Thompson Annual Report

2005 Mileage:

Conference Mileage	29,108
Personal Ministry Miles	5,022
TOTAL	34,130

Sermons/Teachings	215
Conference Board Meetings	12
Conference Board Retreat	1
Funerals	21
Church Board Meetings	47
Church Meetings	42
Polity Committee Meetings	3
District MPM Meetings	26
District Conference Meetings	18
Advisory Council Meetings	2
Evangelism Board	4
Church Education Board Meetings	3
Number of Pastors Assigned	32
School of Ministry Classes Taught	2
Falcon Children's Home Exe. Bd Mtgs	3
Falcon Children's Home Full Board Mtgs	2
Emmanuel College Board Meetings	2
Holmes Trustee Meetings	3
General Executive Board Meetings	7
Azusa Street East Planning Meetings	4
Week Revivals Preached	1
One-Day Revivals Preached (Sundays)	3
Hispanic Leadership Committee Meetings	7
District Christmas Parties	6
General Board of Administration Mtgs	2

Miscellaneous Events:

Falcon Camp Meeting
Piney Grove Camp Meeting
School of Evangelism in South Carolina
Royal Rangers National Council
Missions Meals (2)
M-25 Meeting,
Superintendents' Meeting in Florida
Minister/Spouse Retreat
Church Education Convention
Evangelism Rally
Ladies' Advisory Council
New Ministers' Day
Men's Ministries National Board
Conrad Lowe Meeting
Mentors' Meeting
Examining Day (2)
Emmanuel Graduation
Retired Ministers' Retreat
General Conference
P.F.W.B. Camp Meeting
Annual Conference
Women's Ministries Convention
Model Church Meeting
C-1000 Meeting
Lady Ministers' Day
Various Church Education Meetings
ATAM, Inc. Meeting
Hispanic Encounter Weekend
Chapel-Heritage Bible College
Men's Ministries Meeting
Various Hispanic Training Meetings
Staff Appreciation Meetings (3)
Prime Timers' Trip
WIN Training
Archives Training
General Finance Meeting
Mission Committee (2)
Hispanic Convention
Harvest Train
Dedication of New Tabernacle
Superannuate Luncheon
Conference All Boards' Party
Dedications (7)
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Reverend Wilbert G. Batten

August 10, 1911 – December 13, 2005

The Reverend Wilbert G. Batten, of U.S. 111 North, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday morning, December 13, 2005, at his home. He had been sick for some time. At the time of his death, he was the oldest North Carolina Conference minister.

Brother Batten's parents were L. M. and Bertie Batten of Johnston County. He was saved and joined the family of Christ in 1923 at the Micro Missionary Baptist Church. He was a retired Pentecostal Holiness minister and member of the Whitley Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Rev. Batten received his first license to preach in 1935 when he was granted a Mission Worker's license. He received license with the North Carolina Conference in the summer of 1935 at the annual conference in Falcon. He was ordained by the annual conference in Falcon in 1938. He served in many capacities in the conference, primarily as pastor and evangelist. He was known for his singing, and for many years was a member of the Whitley Quartet. He was superannuated with the conference (retired) in 1976. However, he continued to preach at every opportunity. (A minister of the gospel never does really retire.) He was very active in these years in ministry with the Batten family singers.

During his active pastoral years, he would pastor 17 churches over a period of 42 years. He pastored during those years when pastors were moved often – whether they were ready or not. These are the churches he pastored: Little Creek, Jones Grove, Lambs Grove, Calypso, Belfast, Bizzell Grove, Greenleaf, Niagara, Pikes Cross Roads, Saint John, Antioch, Carson Memorial, Verona, Selma, Thompson Chapel, Airboro, and Fremont. His last pastorate was at Selma, where he stayed seven years.

Reverend W. G. Batten was blessed to have two fine Pentecostal ladies to walk by his side. He met and married Ethel Mae Howell in 1933. She was a true pastor's wife and mother of his children. She slipped to heaven during the Christmas season in 1982. They had been married for 48 years. In March 1984, he married Margaret Hamm. She has been such a blessing to Brother Batten and ministered faithfully to him during his sickness.

The celebration service of Pastor Batten's life was at the Whitley Church on Thursday, December 15, 2005, 7:00 p.m. Visitation with the family followed. Officiating at the service and/or graveside were Pastor Ferrell Hardison, Pastor Edward Tatum, Bishop Chris Thompson, and Reverend Wiley Clark. The services were inspirational. Several family members sang. A video tribute was presented for Brother Batten. His body was laid to rest in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Princeton, North Carolina. His spirit is with his Lord.

Reverend Batten is survived by his wife, Margaret H. Batten; six children who are all Christians and serving the Lord in various capacities: three sons, W. J. Batten and his wife, LaRue, of Richmond, Virginia, Morris H. Batten and his wife, Margie, of Oxford, N.C., and M. L. (Roy) Batten and his wife, Cathy, of Goldsboro; three daughters, Edna M. Whaley and her husband, Kenneth, of Goldsboro, Myrtle R. Mumford and her husband, Carl F., of Lucama, and Mary Ellen Pate and her husband, H. F. Pate Jr., of Goldsboro; one stepson, Richard Hamm of Goldsboro; two stepdaughters, Debbie Witherington and her husband, Linwood, of Goldsboro and Annette Gurley and her husband, Gene, of Goldsboro; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 5 step-grandchildren and 5 step great-grandchildren; and one brother-in-law, Noggie Smith of Goldsboro.

—Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Reverend Georgia N. Osborne

April 28, 1925 – December 20, 2005

Reverend Mrs. Georgia Osborne was relieved of her suffering and was promoted to heaven on Tuesday, December 20, 2005. She had battled but with victory through an extended illness. She died as she lived, with grace and victory in the Lord.

Sister Osborne was born April 28, 1925, in Dillon County, South Carolina, to William B. Norman and Nealy M. Norman. She was converted in Christ in 1934 at the Lake View Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In 1955, she was called to preach and received her Mission Worker's license at the Lake View, South Carolina District Conference. The South Carolina Conference licensed her in 1957 at the annual conference in Lake City, South Carolina. She was later ordained by the North Carolina Conference at Falcon in 1975. Reverend Osborne transferred to the North Carolina Conference in 1964. She was superannuated by the conference (official retirement) in 1987.

Reverend Mrs. Osborne served the kingdom well as an evangelist for over 30 years. She faithfully pastored for 10 years until her health prohibited her continuing. She pastored the Hope Mills Church for four years and the Abbottsburg Church for six years. During her tenure as pastor, both churches grew and expanded in the Lord. While at Hope Mills, she led the church in a building project and in relocation. During her tenure at Hope Mills, she returned to her home church in Lake View, South Carolina, and preached a youth revival. There were 23 experiences. Praise the Lord!

Reverend Osborne is survived by her husband, Tillman C. Osborne, and son, J. Mark Osborne, both of the home. She has one living sister, Ruth N. Page, of Lake View, South Carolina. Both her husband and her son faithfully supported and encouraged her in the ministry.

A special service of thanksgiving and remembrance was held on Friday, December 23, 2005, at the Lumberton First Church. The service was so much like Sister Osborne. It was warm, encouraging, and inspirational in the Lord. Officiating at the service were Pastor Timothy Bowen, Evangelist Jimmy Jones, Bishop Chris Thompson, and Reverend Wiley Clark. Reverend Mrs. Osborne was laid to rest at the Lake View Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery in Lake View, South Carolina. Her body is there, but she is in the presence of the Lord, feasting on the riches of His presence.

—Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Superannuated Birthdays for February and March

Rev. Harold Turpin	February 2
Rev. W. H. Lewis	February 7
Rev. Hildred Potter	February 8
Rev. Frank Gentry	February 18
Rev. Tim Henry	February 26
Rev. H. M. Parson	March 1
Rev. Marvin Rogers	March 6
Rev. Joseph Guthrie	March 17
Rev. Robert Overton	March 18
Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard	March 24
Rev. James Herring	March 26
Rev. Fred Jones	March 26
Rev. Mrs. Eva Brown	March 28
Rev. Mrs. Della Stewart	March 29

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Holiness for Ordinary People

by Keith Drury. Indianapolis, Indiana: Wesleyan Publishing House. 187 pages.

As the commemoration and celebration of Azusa Street nears, the themes of holiness and Pentecost remind us of our heritage, mission, and future. Although the doctrine of sanctification often challenges the Christian mind to understand its complete meaning and implications for the believer in the 21st century, all will attest to the fact that the New Testament calls every Christian to a life of holiness. The myth that holiness is reserved for a select few who seem to stand out among the rest, towering above the mediocrity and slackness of our times, needs to be dispelled from among the rank and file of ordinary believers. *Holiness for Ordinary People* is a message of hope, encouragement, and possibility. It will inspire you to become the person God intends you to be.

As with any good book for teaching, it contains 13 chapters that can easily be incorporated into a 13-week program for Sunday school or group study. Drury, who teaches practical ministry courses at Indiana Wesleyan University, intentionally wrote the book for those seeking to understand the subject of holiness and how to practice holy living in daily life. For those who seek an authentic spiritual life, holiness includes not only the Christ of Sunday, but also the Jesus of everyday life.

Difficult aspects of sanctification are masterfully simplified and discussed to help the reader comprehend and integrate the concepts and teachings of holiness into a meaningful whole. A glossary of terms, for example, is provided, in addition to personal stories and testimonies of others who have struggled and succeeded in overcoming the obstacles that confronted them. The author tackles some of the sidetracks of holiness and sanctification, such as, legalism, "two-tripism," holiness creedalism, and holiness pietism. He correctly states that the essence of holiness is Christlikeness. It is not rules as much as it is a relationship. Holiness is all about rightly relating to Christ and allowing the Word of God and the Spirit of God to work in your life at will. Full sanctification is the reality of living in total obedience to all known commands from God. True holiness maintains a balance of resisting worldliness and touching the world for Christ.

If you are looking for an exhaustive critical and scholarly volume on the subject of holiness, *Holiness for Ordinary People* will not satisfy your search. But if you seek a book that simply explains how to practice holiness that glorifies God, then seek it out and secure it for yourself.

Jesus Did It Anyway: The Paradoxical Commandments for Christians

by Kent M. Keith. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons. 197 pages.

Allow the reviewer a simple confession: the title, as well as some of the contents, hooked me, but upon further review and study, the book remains troublesome. While the author's background and education is impressive, to say the least, and although the book has gained a tremendous readership because of the views presented, something about his premise, purpose, and goals bothers this reviewer. Let me explain.

As part of the Great Commission, believers are obligated to go, baptize believers in the name of the Triune God, and teach disciples all that Jesus has commanded. The commands of Jesus provide the essence of what the Christian way of life is all about. Most would agree that some of the commands of Jesus seem to be paradoxical in nature, such as dying in order to live, and taking upon Christ's "easy" yoke.

Kent lists ten paradoxical commandments of "Christ":

(1) People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway. (2) If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway. (3) If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway. (4) The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. (5) Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway. (6) The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds. Think big anyway. (7) People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway. (8) What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway. (9) People really need help but may attack you if you do help them. Help people anyway (10) Give the world the best you have, and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway.

It is easy, at first, to agree with the author. Small people have shot down some grand ideas from big people. The devil can tear down overnight what has taken years to build. Success tends to enlist false friends. Truth exists in these statements, but are these the commands of Christ? Where did Christ command, "Build anyway"? Upon what Scriptural authority do we base "Think big anyway"? Admittedly, these paradoxical statements do merit and foster thought. There doesn't seem to be an effort to give false indoctrination here. Past experiences prove some, if not all, of these statements to be true. But did the Lord Jesus Christ command us to do these things? Are these commandments kingdom living? Is fighting for underdogs apostolic teaching?

Underneath the glitter and all that shines is a worldly reasoning premised upon Stoic connotations. Neither Jesus Christ nor the Apostles taught a grin-and-bear it attitude towards people or the world. Biblical "patience" is not Stoicism. It seems Keith is saying that in the face of opposition and obstacles that confront us, we should go forward into the headwind and take it anyway. Is this biblical Christianity? Is the refusal to conform to the world and the desire to renew the mind leading to transformation the result of that kind of thinking? Is this the acceptable way to live for Christ in these last days?

The life and ministry of Christ must be understood in the nature of His character and the purpose of His mission. The Father's will for Jesus was not punishment but nourishment. Jesus did not come to fulfill His will, but the will of the Father. It was the Father who fulfilled His will through Jesus. The Lord Jesus claimed He could do nothing of Himself. He did not finish the Father's will through personal willpower. It was necessary for Him to be baptized with the Holy Spirit because the Spirit empowered and enabled Him to follow through with the commands of the Father.

Are we any different? Have we found some mysterious post-apostolic secret to successful living that Jesus and the Apostles did not discover? Did Jesus leave us to ourselves as abandoned orphans to fight the spiritual battles and to scrape and carve out a different model life of Christianity, or are there rich, divine resources available that enable us to obey Christ's commands, win the battles, witness to the lost, and faithfully occupy until He returns? The Bible teaches believers to move from self-worship to Christ-centered denial. The Spirit of God thrives on Kingdom building, not ego building. A kingdom person embraces God's will. Successful Christian living does not come by pure personal willpower with gritted teeth. Have no confidence in the flesh. Let us affirm the need for Pentecostal power, for only God can work through us providing the means to fulfill the end. It is God and God alone who works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. I confess my inadequacy. I thank God for His sufficiency.

There is no regret in purchasing the book. It provokes generous thought and encourages the reader to dig more deeply into the Scriptures, to understand his or her own convictions, and to determine the truth that liberates and brings joy and happiness. Happy New Year, and Happy Reading!

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Patsy's Paragraphs

February

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Dear Women of God,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marjorie Teachey for a job well done. The Happy Hearts trip to New York City was one of the greatest experiences of my life. (I'm not kidding; it was wonderful!) This was my very first trip to New York City and to the Red Hook Church in Brooklyn.

From the time we left Williamston at 6:30 a.m. on Monday morning, October 17, and returned Thursday evening, October 20, I was like a kid in a candy store. The ladies were all in "rare form." (I promised not to tell everything that was said, but just imagine 30 women on a bus traveling to New York City; we didn't miss much.)

When we went to the Red Hook Church in Brooklyn, Pastor Donald Gray shared a timely message on the "Glory of God." We delivered 450 Christmas stockings and took up an offering of $312 for the church. The women of the Red Hook Church prepared lunch for us. What a blessing!

A few of us took the ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island while others went shopping. I had a chance to get to know Angie and Taylor Pope as well as Angie's mother, Brenda Lucas. We had an awesome time. Lois Trueblood and I traveled around New York on a bus that you "hop on, hop off." We also rode the subway – what an experience! Later in the week, we went to a Broadway musical. I don't know when I have laughed so much.

I could go on and on, but time and space won't allow me, but to all the ladies on the trip, thank you for allowing me the privilege of traveling with you. Wonderful memories and new friendships were made. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas stockings. (A total of 900 stockings were made; half were taken to Red Hook, and the others were shipped to Pennsylvania.) The Lord has truly blessed this ministry.

Happy Valentine's Day, and have a Happy Heart!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI....

Create an Errands Box – In it, put books and videos that need to be returned, items to be repaired, dry cleaning, etc. Then just grab it on your way out the door.

- Homemade Air Freshener – To make your home smell wonderful, put one cup orange juice, one-cup water, three whole cloves and a cinnamon stick in a pan and let it simmer on the stove.

- Scratch-Free Countertops – Glue small pieces of felt to the blender and food processor's feet to prevent them from making marks on your countertop.

Sort mail the second you bring it in the house and toss the junk immediately. Otherwise, it insidiously stacks up into a "permalayer" of papers. (Every home needs a crosscut shredder.)

Happy Hearts to New York City & Red Hook Church, Brooklyn

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1. Eric (bus driver) loading Christmas stockings
2. Fellowshipping on the bus
3. Time to eat
4. Arriving at the Red Hook church
5. Pastor Donald Gray, Red Hook church
6. Lunch at Red Hook church
7. Lunch at Red Hook church
8. Statue of Liberty
9. Preparing to leave New York

2005 Harvest Train ... A Memorable Day

The day started like a typical November day. It was cold with drizzling rain. But just as we did as children in order to meet an early school bus, we had to rise early in order to be on time at Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn. The vehicles had to be judged, and we had to be in line and ready to leave the church at precisely 8:30 a.m.

It was to be a very full day. Every year, people from all over the International Pentecostal Holiness Church make their way to Falcon, North Carolina, bringing gifts of money and commodities to Falcon Children's Home. Due to the cold and rain, we missed seeing the children standing out with their bags to be filled with candy. (Don't worry; they got their candy!)

The services started at the new J. A. Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle at exactly 10:00 a.m. This was the first service in our new Tabernacle, and there was much excitement even before the dedication service began, as the Jay Stone Singers blessed us with their singing.

Following the dedication, Rev. T. Elwood Long, superintendent of Falcon Children's Home, presented and starred in one of the very best programs ever. Everyone who participated did an outstanding performance, including Mother Goose, The Old "Man" in the Shoe, Mary and her little lamb, Humpty Dumpty, and many others. The theme for the musical production was *Mother Goose – The Untold Tales.*

After the program, gifts from all the conferences were presented. The cash gifts totaled $295,000. Cash gifts from the North Carolina Conference totaled $99,617. Winners of the Best Decorated Vehicle were the South Gastonia Pentecostal Church from the Cornerstone Conference and the Black Creek Pentecostal Church from the North Carolina Conference. Congratulations!

Thank you very much for your generosity! If you were unable to attend this year's Harvest Train, start making plans for next year. You will be glad you did.

Marjorie Teachey
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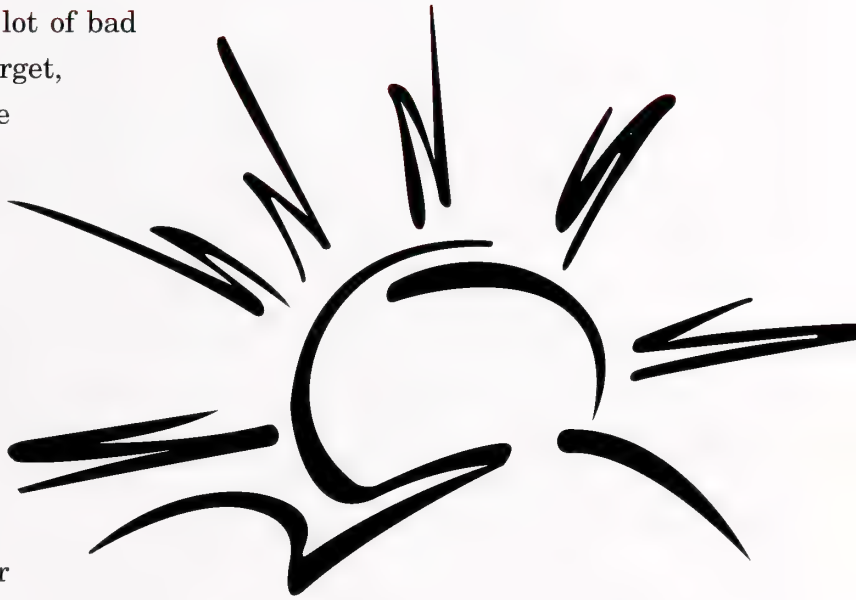
Looking for the *Sunshine* After the Rain



When 2005 was finally over, it left behind a lot of bad memories, memories that most would like to forget, and memories that some cannot forget. In the summer of 2005, storms began to rage across the ocean, bringing catastrophe to many people in different places. I guess no one will forget what Katrina did to the people who were in her path.

Today, people are still living that memory, some of it bad, but some of it good. Why would there be good memories of such a terrible storm? Well, I think when we look at James 5:16, the part that says, "Pray one for another that ye may be healed," that tells it all.

When Katrina had done all the damage she could, and people were left with nothing, that is when people began to come together and pray together, and the healing process began.

At the very moment that roads became passable, people started moving in to the areas of destruction to help people in whatever needs were before them. Mobile feeding kitchens were dispatched, and thousands of people were fed. Teams of men and women from all over came to assist in the removal of debris and rebuilding what could be rebuilt. Food, water, building materials, and more were shipped from everywhere. People's lives were changed forever. So you see, good memories can come from bad things.

Ronnie Basden
North Carolina Men's Ministries Director

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Designate a Place and Time for Corporate Prayer

In Acts 1:14 we read, "They ***all*** joined together ***constantly*** in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers."

Jesus had resurrected and conquered sin, Satan, and the grave. He appeared on the road to Emmaus to two of His disciples, and then He appeared to the disciples in the upper room and said to them, "Peace be with you … as the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:19, 20). He gave them the message of salvation for the world, yet we find them here ***constantly praying*** in the upper room.

They were not preaching, teaching, organizing, or training leaders. They were praying. They were not writing scriptures or studying them. They were praying.

Surely they were ready to go into the world preaching, rather than waiting upon God! But why did they wait?

The last command that they received was "stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). His mandate to them was to hold a prayer meeting and do nothing but *pray*.

Mark 14:15 – Luke 22:12 – Acts 1:12-15 (a large room, 120 people met). The upper room became the place of prayer.

Your local church is the "upper room" where the body of Christ meets today. Your beautiful facilities are the place where you can meet and be endued with power from on high.

These corporate times of prayer are not just man's ideas, but God's mandate. The upper room was their prayer center and should be ours.

The upper room was their designated place of corporate prayer. People would come and go there to pray. We can get the impression that people were there praying around the clock. Still today this times of corporate prayer are needed. We can receive the anointing, plans, purposes, and directions from God for our personal lives and the church body. What can we do without God? Nothing! But with Him and a personal and corporate prayer life, our lives will change, the church will grow, souls will be won, the finances will come, our needs will be met, the favor will come, and the unity of the Spirit will be evident.

Our personal agendas must take the back seat to what God wants. We need to experience and see the "one accord" (Acts 2:1 – 2:46 – 5:12) in our local churches, and this happens only in times of praises and prayer.

Michael Green says it well: "… It is through prayer that God is free to reach and use us. If we do things for God without prayer, He cannot afford the risk of allowing us to succeed. For we would get proud and would be hardened in our conviction that activism, not dependence on God, is the way for Christians to serve the Lord."

This "upper room principle" means that first and foremost, we need to be focused on the Lord –not just the (service) work He has given us to do. We are to be committed to the Lord of the work, not the work of the Lord. Loving God means giving Him first place in our personal and corporate lives, making room for Him in our church calendar, and making good use of our facilities by having regular prayer meetings.

The upper room principle calls us to seek the Lord as we start His work (service), as we do His work, and as we complete His work.

Jesus was radically dependent on the Father for everything, and we must radically depend on Him also (Mark 1:35). We must be empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to do a great work (service) for His kingdom and glory.

Let's make it a point to have an upper room experience by designating times of prayer in our local church, with our corporate church body. Watch how your life and the life of your local church will be transformed by His power and presence.

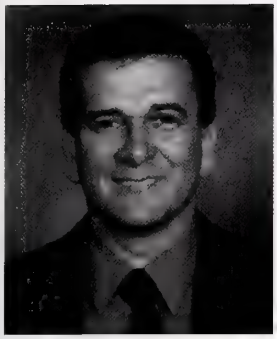
Let us love God enough to be shut up with Him and each other. Watch how nothing will ever be able to shut us up or shut us down!

Let's make room for prayer in our personal life and corporate church body.

Let's use our facilities as a center for prayer and an upper room!

Things you can pray about:

- Great harvest
- Discipling of new believers
- Development of leaders
- Generous giving
- Workers (servants)
- Unity
- Growth in the churches
- Believers to fulfill calling
- God's anointing on every outreach
- Church visitors
- Pastors/leaders
- Spiritual overflow
- Healings, signs and wonders
- More church plants
- More to receive the calling to full-time ministry



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Hispanic Churches List per district

North District/Distrito Norte
Roanoke Rapids/Manuel Reyes
Morehead City/Jaime Fuentes
Kinston/Idelfondo Vargas
Snow Hill/Marcial Aguillón
Greenville/Abraham Rodriguez
Princeton /Carlos Nuñez
Micro/Dario Rodriguez
Clayton/Francisco Suero
Garner/Rodolfo y Miguelina Olivo
Wendell/Jorge Soto
Rocky Mount/Manuel Castañeda
Creswell/Arnoldo Santibanez
Robersonville/Angel Andrade
Raleigh/José del Villar
Selma/Josefina Peña
Warrenton/Pedro Martinez
*Beauford/Jaime Fuentes
*Oriental/Idelfonso Vargas
*Chocowinity/Abraham Rodriguez

South District/Distrito Sur
Clinton/Henry Cantarero
Wallace/Mynor Ac García
Clinton/José Serrano
Clinton/Manuel Cornejo
Turkey/Carlos Carrillo
Dunn/ Fernando Angulo
Benson/Armando Siliezar
Sanford/Pablo Pococa
Sanford/Elizabeth Rodríguez
Fayetteville/Luis Gonzales
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Nota/Note
* – campos de misión empezando (preaching points)
@ – son iglesias por afiliarse (will be affiliated)
& – son iglesias no organizadas todavía. (no organized churches)

31 – iglesias organizadas (organized churches)
1 – iglesias sin organizar (no organized churches))
2 – iglesias por afiliarse (will be affiliated)
15 – campos de misión (preaching points)

49 – iglesias y grupos en total (total Hispanic churches and groups)

Oremos en 2006

1. Por un crecimiento sano y la edificacion de las iglesias existentes
2. Por los pastores y líderes con sus familias
3. Por nuevos pastores y plantadores de iglesias
4. Por la meta de plantar por lo menos 10 iglesias más este año
5. Por recursos para seguir plantando iglesias y sosteniendo pastores
6. Por la habilidad y estrategia para evangelizar nuestras comunidades
7. Por los programas, planes y proyectos de la conferencia para el 2006

Let's Pray in 2006

1. For healthy growth and development of the present churches
2. For pastors and leaders and their families
3. For new pastors and church planters
4. The goal to plant 10 more churches this year
5. For resources to continue planting more churches and supporting the pastors
6. For ability and strategy to evangelize our communities
7. For the programs, plans and projects of the conference for 2006

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

I write this article on January 5, standing at the entrance of the New Year. I've spent several days and weeks planning for 2006. With calendar in hand and events to plan, I've waded into the months ahead. I have great confidence in the congregations and pastors of the North Carolina Conference. I want to put resources and tools into the hands of our pastors and churches to provide relevant, dynamic, and anointed training opportunities so that we can build the kingdom of God and become disciple-making churches. I desire that this conference excel in Missions ministry and that the concept of "churches mothering churches" become a norm in the N.C. Conference. These and more are what I've planned for; however, it was at this point that the Holy Spirit directed my attention to John 10. I needed to be reminded of an important spiritual imperative. In spite of all my planning and aspirations for 2006, the Holy Spirit gripped my heart with conviction as I read concerning the voice of my Shepherd-Savior.

Before I cast vision concerning Missions/Evangelism and set in place the goals, aims, and aspirations for this year, I must be aware of, know, and obey the "voice" of my Lord. To be busily involved in activities and Kingdom business is one thing; however, to know the voice of the Savior is another matter. It is imperative in order to impact eternity.

How can I/we lead and not be constantly aware of the voice of our Lord? Hearing and knowing His voice has to do with relationship and fellowship. I have a great desire to be "close" to the Master in order to hear Him when He speaks.

The world is filled with voices that seek our attention, calling us to "this way and that." The urgent things, even religious activities and programs, call us to action; however, the important thing is that I live in constant awareness of my Lord's "voice." To hear His voice, to know His voice, and to obey His voice require that I have a right relationship with Him and that the relationship be continuous and daily.

I cannot allow my responsibilities, my duties, and my "job description" as a leader to replace my vital need for relationship and fellowship with Christ. I can only impact the world and live a life of significance for Christ as I live close to Him to hear, know, and obey His voice. The mere mention of the word voice implies that He is still speaking into hearts and lives today.

I want to be a leader (and I know you do) who makes an impact; however, my efforts and yours will be illegitimate and short-lived without our first hearing His voice (words) of fellowship, direction, challenge, and encouragement. As we proceed into 2006, lay our plans, and implement action/activity, may God convict us with the necessity of His Word, prayer, and fasting. These are the tools and resources that will arm our lives to enter the vineyard and reap the harvest, and to wage war with our enemy, the devil.

John 10:4 – "When He brings out His own sheep, He goes before them; and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice."

John 10:27 – "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

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March 6 & 7, 2006

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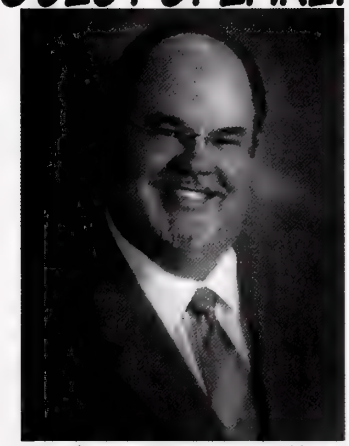

Bishop Tony Miller

Tuesday
March 7th
Mount Carmel Church
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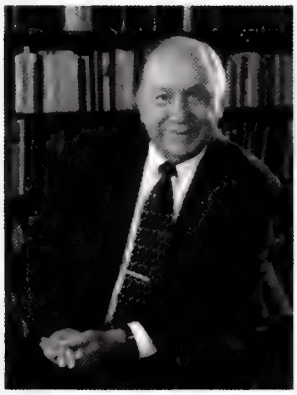


Cost of convention is just $10.00 per person! But $100.00 entitles your church to bring unlimited participants! Each pre-registered participant will receive a conference notebook from the presenters. Deadline for pre-registration is Monday, March 20th. Please call Nicole or Sarah at the Conference office if you have any questions.

MISSION M25

"...As ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40)

Jail-Prison / Rehabilitation-Recovery / Homeless-Hungry / Biker-Motorcycle Club

Our second annual Conference-Wide Summit Meeting with Rev. Gary Burd will be held on Saturday morning, February 18 (9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.) 2006, at the Culbreth Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church in Falcon, N.C.

Rev. Gary Burd (Amarillo, Texas) serves as the national liaison for M25 Ministries, and is a board member of Evangelism USA (Oklahoma City, OK). Mission M25 is a ministry of the Evangelism Department of the North Carolina Conference.

Pastors, Gary would especially like for you to come to this meeting. He will be talking about "Run for the Wall." This is the annual Mission M25 major biker outreach. This Bike Run will begin in California on May 16 and end in Washington, D.C., on May 28, 2006. Please announce this meeting and send a good delegation from your church.

"How To" sessions will be presented by Mission M25 coworkers. Certificates of recognition from the General Evangelism Department will be presented. Praise reports will be given.

For more information, please contact Rev. Steve Enloe (Mission M25 conference point man – 910-425-7474).

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Outward *Smile*, Lost *Within*

A "stiff upper lip" so often masks the pain within. But sometimes God reaches inside. Let me tell you one of my favorite Bible stories....

On the streets of town one day, Jesus was mobbed by people bumping, jostling, and elbowing one another in an attempt to get close to this famous teacher and miracle-worker. In the crowd was a middle-aged woman who suffered from chronic bleeding. Over the last dozen years, she had gone to doctor after doctor, hoping that one of them could heal her. She'd spent all her savings, and in the end was no better, but getting worse. In our day, she would have had a hysterectomy and been done with it, but in those days, no one could help.

On the outside, she was a respectable woman. Inside, she felt ashamed, alone, and desperate. *Why me? What's the use? Is there any hope?* But even still, she hoped and yearned. Of course, each of the people who crowded around Jesus that day had a need. For some it was family strife; for others, a son or daughter who had gone astray. Some were struggling with debt; others had physical ailments. Outside, they looked normal, but inside – when they took time to think about it – many of them were hurting, drifting, struggling, lost. Jesus spoke of them as "sheep without a shepherd."

But on this particular day, the hemorrhaging woman, weak though she was, wouldn't let others get between her and Jesus. She pushed and slid and shouldered her way until she was within reach. "If only I can touch the hem of his robe," she thought, "I'll be healed." And so she reached out, and suddenly, what she had longed for these many years happened. The bleeding stopped. Inside she felt an unmistakable healing.

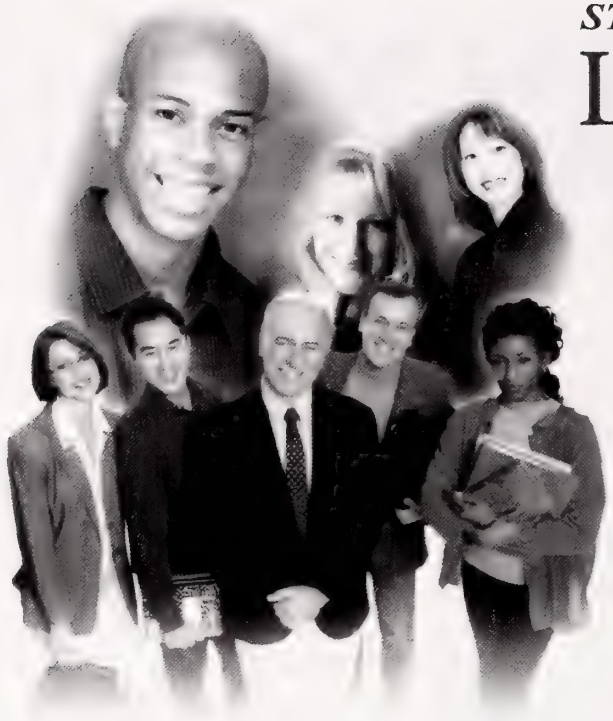
Abruptly, the crowd that had surged along with Jesus halted, because the Master himself had paused. He was looking around. As the murmuring hushed, you could hear him say, "Who touched me?"

"Everyone has been touching you, Master," answered one of his disciples. "With this many people, they can't help but touch you."

"Someone touched me," Jesus repeated. "I felt power flow out of me." He turned around, looking, searching, until his eyes met the healed woman's, and she was suddenly very afraid. She fell down in front of him and poured out the whole painful story. Every hurt, every sorrow, every doubt, and then she looked up and said through tears of joy, "But now I'm healed!"

I can see Jesus looking tenderly at her, saying, "Daughter, your faith in me has made you whole. When you go from this place, you will go in God's peace and be healed from your disease." Her eyes weren't the only ones shedding tears that day. Because in this woman – this fellow villager, this fellow sojourner – the townspeople saw their own struggles and inner loneliness, and heard those words for themselves: "Your faith in me has made you whole. Go in peace and be healed."

If you feel desperation akin to that woman's struggle, why don't you reach out to Jesus in a simple prayer: "Jesus, to be honest, sometimes I feel very lost inside. Very empty, very lonely. Please come to me and make me a whole person again. Show me the path, and I'll walk it with you. Please, Jesus, please ... because I believe that you don't just love that woman only, but you love me too. Amen."



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"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."

Acts 2:2

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

It was my pleasure and the pleasure of the North Carolina Conference Board to have Presiding Bishop James D. Leggett participate in the dedication of the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium in November 2005. He not only participated in the dedication; he gave a word. I feel that everyone needs to hear that word. Please read the following. Enter it into your heart and make it a part of your life.

— D. Chris Thompson

The Fire Continues to Burn, and the Wind Continues to Blow

by James D. Leggett
Presiding Bishop, International
Pentecostal Holiness Church

Bishop Chris Thompson and the North Carolina Conference Board are to be commended for their vision and for their ability to cast that vision so effectively as to create this beautiful and functional conference center. It is one of the best in this denomination or any other. Roland Harrell's commitment to excellence is apparent throughout the building. He has done a superb job in supervising the project.

I commend the leaders not only for constructing the building but also for their passion to continue what God started over 100 years ago through J. A. Culbreth and others.

A passage in Acts 2 speaks to us today. After the marvelous outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost with the remarkable rushing wind, tongues of fire, and speaking with tongues, a short phrase captures the truth that Pentecost was more than a moment in time. At the ending of that chapter, Luke wrote, *"They continued ..."* (v. 42), or as the NIV renders it, *"So continuing."*

The dedication of this beautiful and functional facility is a fulfillment of this text for our day. Some people thought the Pentecostal movement was only for a time – the fad would pass. Would they have believed that 107 years later, this building would be dedicated? It is amazing that 107 years after the first camp meeting, this building is a wonderful testimony of the movement God launched at Azusa Street and then at Dunn.

We dedicate this building as a memorial to the past. It is a testimony of what God has done through the years in this place. We can't help but recall the words of an early generation who said, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We cannot overlook the wonderful ways God has blessed over the years. Think of the young people who have been saved at the youth camps, the preachers and missionaries, the teachers and businessmen who found their faith in Christ at the meetings on these grounds and in these buildings.

All of the previous buildings find their fulfillment in this conference center. This is the third building, but the DNA of the others are contained in this one. The fire that burned and the wind that blew continue here.

We do more than dedicate this facility as a memorial of the past; we dedicate it as a movement for the future. We not only celebrate yesterday in these halls; we make a commitment to tomorrow.

We give the greatest thanks to the visionaries who demonstrated their faith, for they have built for the future. We are building our future today. This facility is not for us; it is for our sons and daughters and grandchildren. It is for the next generation, the emerging leaders: the Joshuas, the Davids, the Deborahs, the Peters and Pauls, the spiritual giants of the next generations. We believe God is still giving ascension gifts to His church, and apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers will feel the hand of God upon their heads and the call of God in their hearts. It is for the army of spiritual leaders God is raising up for the next generation.

With the dedication of this facility, we make a commitment that the Pentecostal movement will continue. We do not want it to cease.

It will not fade. It will be like the river Ezekiel saw streaming out of the temple – ever deepening and flowing wider and wider. Should Jesus tarry, many men and women, young and old alike, will gather in this building 50 to 100 years from now to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost with sons and daughters prophesying, young men seeing visions, and old men dreaming dreams.

May it be a place where Pentecost continues until Jesus returns to rapture His church into His glorious kingdom. Why can't we expect God to visit this place as He did in Acts 4:31? You know the story. It may be the greatest evidence that Pentecostal blessings continue: *"When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken: and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness."*

Oh, yes! Pentecost continues. When God's people get together and pray with passion for His kingdom, the fire still falls, the wind still blows, people still speak in tongues, and the kingdom of God marches forward.

Let it be so in this place ... a continuation of Jerusalem, of Azusa Street, of Dunn's old tobacco warehouse, and great and glorious Falcon Camp Meetings.

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We Are Grateful

Bobby and I really do not know the words to describe the heartfelt thanks we have for all the things our church family (NC Conference, churches, and members) have done for us since we lost our house to fire on December 28, 2005.

People never think of losing in such a tragic way all for which they have worked hard during their lives. However, we want all our friends to know what a blessing they have been to us during this difficult time. We have received cards and gifts from folks all across the country to assist us during this transitional phase of our lives. We never knew we had so many friends. In the fire we lost a cross-stitch/satin stitch pattern that took me two years to complete; it read, "Count your age by friends, not years." But until December 28, 2005, I did not know the value of this statement. Our friends have been what got us through this rough time. Smiles from those who have loved us have melted our hearts and warmed the hurt we have felt. God has given us an unbelievable peace in this time of storm in our lives. We thank Him for that.

I also want you to know that my pastor's wife and my dear friend, Betty Thompson, was beside me all day on December 28; she cried when I cried and many times put her arms around me to let me know her heart was breaking for me. She had actually planned to come help me box up my things after the first fire that had destroyed only our study room and part of the dining room. She was bringing boxes the next morning. When she arrived, she saw that our entire house was gone, and there was no need for the boxes. She did not get back in her car and leave; she was there for me all day. What a great lady she is.

Evangelism Explosion Clinic
Northwood Temple, Fayetteville, North Carolina

May 1-5, 2006

Pastor John Hedgepeth, Northwood Temple, is hosting an Evangelism Explosion Clinic for pastors and laypersons. Dates for the clinic are Monday through Friday, May 1-5, 2006. The cost is $395 per person. If three from the same church attend, the cost is $360 per person. This covers the cost of materials and all meals except lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Clinic teachers are furnished by Dr. D. James Kennedy, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

For more information, call Susan Baxter, E. E. International, 954-465-2236, or Cal Maulden, Northwood Temple, 910-488-7474.

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A Miracle on Meadow Drive

On Saturday, October 15, 2005, at 10:30 a.m., I was taken by my husband to the Western Wake Hospital emergency room in Cary, North Carolina.

Being in severe pain, I had no idea that at 9:00 p.m. that night, I would have major surgery that would last until almost 1:00 a.m.

It was discovered during surgery that my appendix was cancerous, as well as 90 percent of my colon. Also, a four-inch mass was removed from the wall of my abdomen. Because of this, 28 inches of my intestines as well as 26 lymph nodes were removed. My diagnosis was stage 4 colon cancer. When I was told of this, I was, of course, stunned and shocked and numb, all at the same time. But I kept hearing a still, small voice saying, *Aren't you glad you have Jesus in your heart and don't have to go and find Him? Aren't you glad you didn't wait until you got sick to get saved?* This kept sounding over and over in my spirit throughout my illness.

I am so thankful for the words of our Lord when he said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you, but I will be with you always."

I stayed in the hospital for eight days before I could go home to our brand new pastorate at the Evangel Church in Fuquay Varina. Our first official Sunday there was only seven days prior to my surgery. My husband, Vince, needless to say, has had his hands full.

My husband, the loving and caring people of Evangel Church, and, of course, my Lord Jesus have helped me through this difficult time.

Here is the best news of all! I am a walking, living, breathing, moving miracle. There has truly been a miracle on Meadow Lane in Fuquay Varina. I am cancer free! God's healing power, His prayer warriors all over this conference, and those locally in our new pastorate, Evangel, made the difference in my life. In Psalm 103:3, the Lord says that He heals all our diseases and forgives all our sins. My surgeon and the doctors who have been in charge of all my care and treatment were given to me by the Lord as well. All the phone calls and cards of encouragement were also a great blessing for my husband and me. I don't know why this happened to me, but I know it was for my benefit. My faith in God is at a new level, and I now have more compassion for those who are in similar circumstances.

I thank God for His love and mercy. I thank Him for how he used the prayers of those who love and believe in Him in our local church and throughout the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

I want to tell everyone wherever I go that God is still a miracle-working God, and there truly is a miracle on Meadow Drive.

— Susie Moore

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

God's Unfaithful Wife: A Biblical Theology of Spiritual Adultery

by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press. 200 pages.

Should we be surprised in a day of the proliferation of divorce and remarriage that God should not be immune from the same kind of behavior among the children of men? The terrible tragedies of broken homes litter the American landscape. Most of us have experienced what happens when a man and his wife split up, leaving in their wake troubled children, emotional scars, and the unending headaches of trying to cope with separation and divorce and all their trappings. Can you imagine how the Lord feels when His covenant people depart from Him and go after the false gods of the world? God hates divorce. The all-sufficient Lord also hates spiritual adultery.

Ortlund examines Israel's harlotry, called whoredom because God, as the husband, entered into a covenant relationship with His people, and those same people turned to other gods, not satisfied with a loyal relationship with the God of Israel. Somehow God was not good enough. Somehow the people viewed God as one of many lovers, never abandoning Him altogether, but seeking multiple relationships with as many gods as possible so as to receive all the benefits that they had to offer. The "one flesh" concept of human marriage had no lasting appeal to the people who abandoned the Lord for others. Pure communion and unblemished worship simply did not have the drawing power to hold the relationship together. As a result, the name of God suffered among the heathen, and the people of God suffered under the divine judgment that came as promised.

Numerous biblical accounts are brought to bear to reveal Israel's departure from the living God. While Moses ascended Mount Sinai, Israel played the harlot by worshiping the golden calf. Those who were commanded to have no other god sought another god, compromising the covenant relationship. God, who is jealous, tolerates no rival. Just as no man wants to share his wife with other men, so Yahweh did not want His people going after strange gods. It makes little sense. How can a molten god compare to the majestic God of the universe? How does a god conceived by human minds and created by human hands, like Baal, Ishtar or Molech, ever compare to God, who created everything? The luring power of false religion called for sexual participation in worship, while Yahweh would have nothing of the sort. The yoke of Yahweh lost its appeal to the earthly Israelites. The Canaanite peoples, preoccupied with fertility, promoted lewd worship, thus reducing the guilty Israelites to the moral status of harlots. Their physical sins revealed deeper spiritual sins. The character of the times of the Judges showed a pattern and cycle of apostasy, oppression, repentance, and deliverance. Would Israel ever learn?

The prophetic eye of Hosea, sportive Gomer, and their denominative children expose Israel's infidelities, continual bent toward backsliding, and determination to commit sin. To assume the position of "Not My People" seemed to contradict the loving character of God, but one must take into account the perfection of His nature, as He is altogether separate, holy, and just. The great "I Am" would become the "Not I Am" to Israel, resulting in the bloodshed and humiliation of the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities. Would Israel ever learn?

The author states, "A wounded God and wounded prophets collaborated to wound the heart of an unresponsive nation. The people do not know who they are or whose they are. The reality of their marital union with Yahweh makes astonishingly little impression on them." Prophet after prophet was sent to warn Israel of her degraded condition, but the nation as a whole, having learned and loved the way of the heathen, would not hear. Covenant loyalty was alien to the soul of the nation.

The false prophets did not help. They consoled the people in their sin, reasoned with them, and gave them what they wanted to hear. They kept the whole truth from God's people. To censure was distasteful. Oracles of doom were unwanted. They sought to discredit and even silence the accusations of the true prophets. Having no ear for the truth, Israel slid into incorrigible sin that resulted in the execution of divine wrath.

By the time of Jesus, the evil and adulterous generation continued as the Pharisees and Sadducees created their oral tradition and binding laws, which they themselves could not keep perfectly. Jesus denounced their hypocrisy. The generation of vipers could not be trusted. Claiming to know God, they knew only

worldly religion full of dead men's bones. Claiming life, in reality they promoted death.

Jesus the Bridegroom came to reveal God's purpose for a new people. Ortlund discusses the New Testament theology of covenant relationship. Although the Church does not replace Israel, the Church consisting of both Jew and Gentile would become the bride of Christ. He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. The believer's union with Christ is most sacred, even higher than the marriage relationship. Christians, therefore, are warned of spiritual adultery and the possibility of God-neglect. To flirt with the world is to adulterate one's relationship with God. To be a friend of the world is to become an enemy of God.

The Apostle Paul called for a virginity of the spirit, an unspoiled faith (2 Corinthians 11:1-3). Paul could not bear the thought that there might be a rival to Jesus Christ. The union between Jesus and the believer is a sacred union and must be protected against the doctrines of false teachers. The God named Jealous in the Old Testament is the same as Jesus in the New Testament!

This book will prove to be a valuable addition to any minister's library and can be read for spiritual profit for many years to come. Let us rejoice that the true bride of Christ is looking better all the time, as she prepares herself for His soon return. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

The Present: The Secret to Enjoying Your Work and Life Now!

by Spencer Johnson. New York: Doubleday. 109 pages.

The author of *Who Moved My Cheese?* has written another number one best-seller to help others discover happiness in their work and personal lives. The best gift, according to Johnson, is to find the present and use it to make the present better than the past, and the future better than the present.

It is a simple story of a helping relationship between a young boy and a wise old man. The young boy needs to find the present so he can become happy in his work and personal life. As he grows up, the young boy struggles in his search for the present. Life becomes complicated. Each time he returns to the old man for advice and counsel, he learns the importance of focusing on what is now right, so he can possess the needed energy and confidence to deal with what is wrong. The gift of the present includes creating your own present by what you give attention to today. The past, in light of the present, becomes useful only as we learn from it. During one conversation, the old man states, "The good news is the more you learn from the past, the fewer regrets you have. And the more time you have in the present." It also means when a situation arises that reminds you of a failure in the past, you can do things differently because of what you have learned from the past, thus creating a happier and more successful present.

As the story progresses, the future comes into view. The future often brings anxious feelings, worry, and troubled hearts because it is unknown and we have no control over it. The old man advises, "A lack of imagining, planning, and doing, both at work and in our lives, is the most common reason we fall short of what we could be." The answer is to make plans and do a little each day to work the plan.

Sadly, the old man dies. As the young man reflects on his experiences and many lessons from the old man, he struggles to make complete sense of his teaching. Finally, it dawns on him that the old man had purpose, and that purpose tied the past, the present, and the future together. He learned that when "you live and work with purpose, and respond to what is important today, you are more able to lead, manage, support, befriend, and love."

The book concentrates on helping others manage the past, the present, and the future in a truly meaningful and satisfying way, so as to make the present truly wonderful. Buy the book. It is worth reading and reflecting on many times; it gives a real cause to pause. Happy Reading!

Superannuated Birthdays for March and April

Rev. H. M. Parson	March 1
Rev. Marvin Rogers	March 6
Rev. Robert Overton	March 18
Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard	March 24
Rev. James Herring	March 26
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Rev. Elton Lancaster	April 27
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Patsy's Paragraphs

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."
(Psalm 90:12)

Dear Women of God,

Have you ever been running as fast as you could to get to the church on time or to meet a friend for an appointment, and as soon as she saw you, the first words out of her mouth were, *"It's about time!"* Perhaps you have even said it. I know I have, and at that moment, I never gave a thought to what that person had been through to get to the meeting.

It seems as if every time the NCWM Board members and I schedule a meeting, inevitably one of us is always running behind. The last time, I was the one! The bad thing was that when I left home, I left my cell phone on the kitchen counter. The girls couldn't get in touch with me; needless to say, they were worried, but they couldn't hold back *"It's about time!"*

The Lord placed a nugget in my heart concerning this statement, which I would like to share with you. Our mission statement for NCWM is this: *"Through study of God's Word, prayer, training, and fellowship, North Carolina Women's Ministries will be an organization which welcomes and nurtures women of all ages and of diverse cultures and will implement new methods of ministry in the home, church, and community."*

Ladies, we have a big responsibility before us, and it's time for us to "take back what the devil has stolen"! We have women and girls from all walks of life who are attending our church services, as well as Women's Ministries groups, and searching for "something." We know that "something" is the Lord. Rather than having us look at them and say, *"It's about time you came to church,"* they need to hear, *"We have missed you"* or *"It is so good to see you here today!"* Just imagine for a second how you feel when you're running late and someone jumps you as soon as you walk in the church. Does righteous indignation rise up within you? Do you want to stay or run back to your car and go home?

As we continue the journey of fulfilling God's plan for our lives, we become intensely aware of His love (heart) for the world. Let's become intentional in reaching, touching, and caring for those who need a friend. My prayer is, *"Lord, put earmuffs on our ears, blinders on our eyes, and bridles on our mouths so that we are careful what we hear, see, and say!"*

It is *about time* to be about the Father's business. May you be blessed as you bless others.

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI....

- Baking Secret – If you have trouble separating eggs, break them one at a time into a small funnel. The egg white will drain into the bowl, leaving behind the yolk.
- If you have a friend who is in the hospital, instead of sending flowers, consider giving her a gift certificate telling her you'll clean her house.
- Store your plastic bags better – To keep them from ending up in a jumbled mess under your sink, try stashing them inside an empty tissue box. Simply pull one out when you need it. Bonus: it frees up cabinet space so you can stow more stuff.

BRUNSWICK STEW, ANYONE?

Mrs. Betty B. Watson, director of the Thomas Chapel Women's Ministries in Henderson, North Carolina, sent the following letter:

Dear Sister Patsy,

Through the years, cooking and selling Brunswick stew has been one of our best fund-raisers at Thomas Chapel. Proceeds from these stew sales have helped us to bless others in need and aid several local projects in the church.

Some years ago, the Coley Family recipe was passed down to Sister Mabel Lester, who was WM director at the time. For over forty years, Sister Mabel has stirred many a pot of stew. She recently delivered a copy of the stew recipe to me, stating, "It is time for someone else to take over." The picture above was taken October 29, 2005, when we had our most recent stew sale. Sister Mabel is now 85 years young and still active (as are several others). When this last stew was being planned, our Women's Ministries agreed to make and sell three pots. Before the date of the stew, we had orders for six pots!

God has greatly blessed the efforts of our WM group. Joining with other ministry groups in the church, we are currently working toward and believing God for a new sanctuary.

Remember us in your prayers.

(Thank you, Sister Betty, and the women of Thomas Chapel for all your hard work and dedication to Women's Ministries. We appreciate you! —Sister Patsy)

Building Our Christian Life

Williamston First Church Family Life Center in Williamston, North Carolina, was the setting for the Joint 2006 Leadership Seminar for Men's and Women's Ministries, Saturday January 28. We had approximately 300 attend this training. What an awesome day we had! It was wonderful.

We appreciate everyone who was able to attend. A great big *Thank You* goes to the Williamston First Women's Ministries under the leadership of Mrs. Tammy Padgett. They did an outstanding job setting up tables and preparing our brown bag lunch. (A few of the girls helped us put packets together.) Every facilitator did an outstanding job. Great information and ideas were shared to help each of us build every facet of our Christian life. We were challenged to grow in our spiritual, home, financial, social, physical, mental, and ministry lives.

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Rev. Matthew Smith
Pastor, Maranatha PH Church

Managing Your Home Life
Rev. Marjorie Teachey
NCWM Secretary/Treasurer

Managing Your Financial Life
Mr. Randy Hardee
Asst. Director, IPHC Men's Ministries

Managing Your Social Life
Terry Ann Boyette
NCWM Board Member

Managing Your Physical Life
Mr. Ronnie Basden
NC Men's Ministries Director

Managing Your Mental Life
Rev. Janice Marshburn
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A Prayer for Godly Influences

"I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need." (Phil. 4: 13)

As believers, we must understand our sufficiency is in God! There is nothing you or I can do without Him. Let us *not* make the mistake of saying:
- "I can do."
- "I have arrived."

This may occur to:
- New believers
- A student fresh out of seminary and ready to conquer the world.
- A believer who has heard the voice or call of God
- "I have arrived" – " I can conquer" – "Here is my chance to demonstrate leadership" – "I have been called into ministry."
- Pastor – Evangelist – Prophet – Teacher – Apostle – Leader in the church.

Prov, 23:7 – "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."
- You and I must think according to God's Word.
- We need to depend on God for all that concerns us.

Thoughts/Beliefs come from the heart. These thoughts can hinder your life or ministry. (God is excluded.)
- "I can do this and succeed!"
- "This school, office, family, church will become a shining light set on a hill!"
- "The people will literally be convinced, accept, give themselves, flood in!"
- "I know I can do all of this!"

"I" – (Alone) is the problem with man:
- Dependency on one's own ability
- Self-sufficient attitude
- No need of divine intervention
- One's own strength
- Human ideas, not God's ideas
- Man-led life and ministry

The Word of God instructs us that
- With Christ
- With His help
- With His strength **"I can do all things!"**

Without the help of the Holy Spirit
- You and I will become bankrupt as Christians.
- What we say will have no power.
- We will have no substance.
- We will have no depth.
- We will have nothing to give.

Strategies and helps for a God-dependent life:
Godly influence in what you read.
Reading the correct literature will
- Change the direction of your spiritual life and ministry.
- Change the direction of your personal life, family, and church.
- Provide substance, maturity, growth, settling, and strength.
- Provide understanding and wisdom.
- Help bring direction and clarity.

Godly influences can be:
- Reading the Word of God.
- Reading a good devotional written by godly people: Brother Lawrence, Teresa of Avila, A. W. Tozer, etc. (they knew God)
- Reading Christian books written by anointed authors.
- Reading with different eyes, wanting spiritual insights, wanting revelation knowledge.
- Reading to experience Jesus as the defining reality of your life.
- Reading to be possessed by a flaming vision of God (blinding you to all competing loyalty).
- Reading to experiencing a life built on the Rock.
- Reading to be aflame with the fire of divine love.
- Reading so that the desire of divine love will lead you to seeking, and seeking to finding.
- Reading some of Madame Guyon's books about prayer.

Godly influence of a teacher or mentor:
- An individual can impact your spiritual life.
- Life-based teachings that influence.
- Heart to heart communication between a godly teacher or mentor and student.
- A believer who will teach right in the midst of his or her students' struggles, hurts, and fears.
- A person who will impact the heart of a believer by their teaching, praying sessions, and living.

Teaching in community:
- Times that believers spend in one another's homes.
- Believers laughing together.
- Believers weeping together.
- Believers learning together.
- Believers praying together.

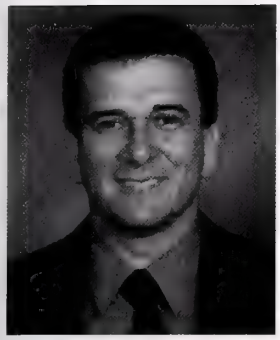
A spiritual charisma of teaching:
- Teaching with wisdom.
- Teaching with passion.
- Teaching with heart.

Godly influence of someone thirsty and hungry for God:
- Someone who knows about prayer.
- Someone who will teach you about prayer (by praying with you).
- Lively praying
- Honest praying
- Heartfelt praying
- Soul-searching praying
- Hilarious praying
- Have early morning prayer with someone.
- Family member
- Church member
- Coworker
- Friend

Let's continue to pray,

"I can do everything **with the help of Christ** who gives me the strength I need" (Phil. 4:13).

Let's continue to pray for godly influences.



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

El Modelo de Jesus Para Identificar, Preparar y Enviar Lideres al Servicio de la Obra Parte I

Al examinar los pasajes de Mateo 10:1-4; Marcos 3:13-19 y Lucas 6:12-16, cuando Jesús llamó a sus doce discípulos al ministerio; encontraremos gran ayuda para proceder en la identificación, preparación y envío de líderes al servicio de la obra de Dios. Una de las metas que en este año debemos poner en nuestros planes y programas es la formación de líderes y el envío y colocación de los mismos en las diferentes áreas de servicio, a las que Dios los haya llamado. No solo como meta para este año, en realidad siempre debemos estar ocupados en la formación y envío de personas para que se ocupen en la viña de Dios. Los pastores y los que estamos a cargo de la iglesia de Cristo desempeña- mos un papel muy importante en ese proceso. Sin duda alguna lo que vemos en estos versículos nos brindan una buena orientación.

Siempre me he hecho la pregunta, qué fue lo que vio Jesús en esos hombres para elegirlos de entre los demás y ponerlos en el ministerio? Todavía sigo estudiando la razón por la cuál el Señor los escogió de entre la multitud, de la misma manera que pienso y me pregunto de mí mismo. Sin embargo he aprendido a lo largo de mi ministerio y mi vida de servicio al Señor, que hay ciertas cualidades que necesitamos observar en las personas, antes de colocarlos en los diferentes ministerios de la iglesia.

Recuerde que ninguno de los que ponemos al servicio de la obra, y que van a ocupar posiciones de servicio en la iglesia ya son aprendidos o experimentados, sino que son personas que necesitan ser formadas y enseñadas antes de ponerlos a servir; por eso necesitamos descubrir ciertas características, que son necesarias para guiarnos en la elección de estas personas. Las siguientes son algunas de esas cualidades:

- Fiel: Cumple con su palabra
- Educable: Aprende de otros con una actitud humilde y positiva.
- Disponible: Aparta el tiempo necesario para recibir entrenamiento y servir.
- Entregado: Tiene un compromiso de caminar en obediencia a Dios y es dedicado y fervoroso.
- Legítimo: Es una persona genuina y honesta.
- Servicial: Busca servir a los demás. No es un cacique.
- Responsable: Rinde cuentas y trabaja como parte del equipo. No es un agente independiente.

Note que la lista anterior no tiene nada que ver con preparación o experiencia, son simplemente indicaciones, de que estas personas podrán ser identificadas, entrenadas y puestas a servir. Hay muchas áreas de trabajo en la iglesia del Señor y que se requieren cualidades para el desempeño de las funciones; sin embargo esto no debe impedir que motivemos y enseñemos a todos los miembros a servir, porque como lo enseña la escritura, todos los que son miembros del cuerpo de Cristo, tienen diferentes funciones. Los pastores debemos ayudar a los miembros a identificar su posición en el cuerpo y que sirvan de lleno en su área y con sus dones.

Así entonces empecemos a estudiar cada uno de las citas bíblicas que mencioné anteriormente. Veamos en primer lugar el pasaje de Lucas 6:12-16:

1. "En aquellos días él fue al monte a orar..." (12) Note especialmente la frase "en aquellos días" Esto nos habla de tiempo, ocasión y momento. Estoy convencido que constantemente debemos dedicar esfuerzo y tiempo para identificar y entrenar obreros. Sin embargo debe haber ocasiones especiales de necesidad en las que decidimos entrevistar a alguien, desafiar a alguien o invitar a alguien a servir al Señor en alguna área específica de la obra de Dios. Por lo que el ministro debe:

   a. Estar orando siempre por gente para servir en las distintas áreas de la iglesia
   b. Identificar personas con sus dones y habilidades
   c. Identificar necesidades que se deben llenar en la obra de Dios
   d. Hacer llamados desde el púlpito y en forma personal
   e. Delegar funciones y trabajos
   f. Impulsar al que se está levantando
   g. Animar y motivar a involucrarse en el servicio al Señor

2. El segundo aspecto que deseo notar es lo que Jesús fue a hacer al monte. "... El fue al monte a orar". Al día siguiente de esa noche de oración el Señor Jesús tomaría una decisión muy dificil; escogería a sus 12 discípulos, quienes continuarían la obra que el había comenzado. Debía estar seguro, ya que estaría frente a la multitud y de entre ellos los llamaría para que lo siguieran, aprendieran y fueran enviados al campo de trabajo.

La oración es definitivamente uno de los elementos más importante previo a la selección de personas para el servicio de Dios.

   a. Nos ayuda a estar seguros a quienes llamamos y que funciones delegamos en ellos.
   b. Nos ayuda a desarrollar una sensibilidad para ver cosas, entenderlas y definirlas correctamente entre el caracter, dones y deseos de la persona y el servicio al Señor. Una advertencia es que debemos evitar el estar orando todo el tiempo sin tomar la decisión o los pasos en colocar a gente en posiciones de servicio. Note que Jesús oró toda la noche, pero al día siguiente escogió a sus doce discípulos.
   c. La oración nos ayuda a evitar la precipitación, al no tomar los pasos necesarios para poner gente en la obra de Dios.
   d. La oración crea una conciencia que a su vez nos ayuda a evitar tomar la decisión de poner gente, motivados por aspectos tales como: la simpatía con esa persona, la influencia, los aportes económicos que hagan, las preferencias, o porque sabemos que son personas que estarán siempre de acuerdo con todo lo que digamos o hagamos.

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e. La oración nos brinda la oportunidad para orar con otras personas, cuando se trata de elegir obreros para el servicio al Señor: Puede orar con tu cónyuge, o su equipo de líderes y otras personas en la congregación.

El pastor o encargado de la obra de Dios, debe estar constantemente buscando la oportunidad de reproducir otros líderes y enseñar a estos a reproducirse también. Veremos más de estos tópicos en los próximos dos números de Evangel.

The Model of Jesus to Identify, Prepare, and Send Leaders to Service

Part I

Reviewing the passages of Matthew 10:1-4, Mark 3:13-19, and Luke 6:12-16, when Jesus called his twelve disciples to the ministry, we find great help in how to proceed in the identification, preparation, and placement of leaders in the service of the Lord.

One of the goals we should have for this year is to train leaders and deploy them into the several areas of service to which God has called them. This should not be the goal for this year only, but we, in fact, should always be busy training and sending people to be in charge of God's vineyard. Pastors and those who are in charge of the church of Christ have a very important role in this process. What we see in these verses offers us a good orientation to put people in places to serve the Lord.

I have always asked what Jesus saw in those men in order to choose them from the multitude and put them into the ministry. I continue studying the reason why the Lord chose them; in the same way, I think and I wonder about myself. However, I have learned during my ministry and my life of service to the Lord that we need to observe certain qualities in people before placing them in the several ministries of the church.

Remember that many of the people we are placing in positions of service are not people who have experience or knowledge, but rather, they are people who need to be formed and taught before placing them to serve; for that reason, we need to discover certain necessary characteristics in order to guide us in the selection of these people. The following are some of those qualities:

- Faithful: They fulfill their word.
- Educable: They learn from others with a humble and positive attitude.
- Available: They can set aside the necessary time to receive training and to serve.
- Dedicated: They have a commitment to walk in obedience to God and are dedicated and passionate.
- Legitimate: They are genuine and honest.
- Helpful: They seek to serve to others and not to lord it over others.
- Accountable: They are able to inform and work as part of the team, not act as independent agents.

Notice that the previous list doesn't have anything to do with preparation or experience; these are simply qualities we need to see in people who will be identified and trained and will serve. There are many areas of work in the church of the Lord, and there are qualities required to perform all functions; however, this should not impede us from motivating and teaching all members to serve, because, as the Bible says, they are members of the body of Christ, and they have several functions. Pastors should help members identify their positions in the body and serve in their positions with their gifts.

So let us begin to study each of the biblical verses I mentioned previously. Let's take a look at Luke 6:12-16:

1. "One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray…" (12). Notice especially "one of those days." This talks to us about time, occasion, and moment. I am convinced we should constantly dedicate effort and time to identify and train workers. However, there will be special occasions of necessity in which we decided to interview somebody, challenge somebody, or invite somebody to serve the Lord in any specific area of the church. For that reason the minister needs to:

   a. Be always praying for people to serve in the different areas of the church.
   b. Identify people's gifts and abilities.
   c. Identify necessary areas to be filled in the work of God.
   d. Make calls from the pulpit and in personal way.
   e. Delegate functions and work.
   f. Impel those who are beginning to serve the Lord.
   g. Encourage and motivate people to be involved in the service of God.

2. The second aspect I want to note is what Jesus was going to do on that mountain when He "went out to a mountainside to pray." The day following that night of prayer time, the Lord Jesus would make a very difficult decision; He would choose his 12 disciples, those who would continue the work that He began. He wanted to make sure, since He would be in front of the multitude and from them would call the disciples to continue His work, learn, and send to the field of work.

Prayer is definitely one of the most important elements prior to the selection of people for the service of God.

a. It helps us be sure whom we will call and what functions we should delegate to them.
b. It helps us develop the sensibility to see things, understand them, and correctly define the character, gifts, and desires of the person and their service to the Lord. We need to be careful, not only praying the whole time, but making a decision or taking steps to place people in positions of service. Notice that Jesus prayed all night, but the following day, He chose his twelve pupils.
c. Prayer helps us to avoid being precipitous, not taking all the steps necessary before placing people in the work of God.
d. Prayer creates a conscience that helps us avoid making decisions to place people based on motivations such as sympathy for that person or the influence of their economic contributions, on personal preferences, or because we know they are people who will always be in accordance with all we say or we do.
e. Prayer offers us the opportunity to pray with other people; when you try to choose workers for service to the Lord, you could pray with your spouse or your team and other people in the congregation.

The pastor or whoever is entrusted with the work of God should be constantly looking for the opportunity to reproduce in other leaders and teach them to reproduce themselves. We will see more about these topics in the next two issues of *Evangel*.

"Partners in Ministry"

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What Are Your Children *Praying* For?

In the eyes of Jesus, children were very special. In Luke 18:16, Jesus says this: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." In other words, he said to the parents, "Let the little children to come to me, and don't get in their way."

Children can be so active at times, so mischievous, so sweet, and so precious. You never know what they might have on their minds! I have the privilege as an elder in my church to take part in the prayer service for children's church on Sunday morning. As I stand at the altar before church, children line up to be anointed and prayed for. The requests they share are touching. I would like to share with you some of the requests that I hear because I think we as adults need to know how much our children love us and how much they believe in prayer.

Here are some of the requests: "My daddy and mama will quit smoking" ... "My dad will come to church" ... "My grandma, grandpa, my uncle, my aunt, my pastor, my cat, my dog, school, my cuts and scrapes" ... and there are many more. These children are precious and innocent as they come to be prayed for.

Sadly, almost every time you turn on the news or open the paper, you hear or read about some child being abused physically or abused sexually or even beaten to death. We need to pray for the children in our world today who are being mistreated, but at the same time, let's love on ours. Hug a child, and let children know that you love them. You may not have children, but that is OK too, because we need to love them all, not just our own. Be godly examples to the children with whom you come in contact. Remember how much Jesus loves children. He said that we must be as little children to enter the kingdom of heaven. Children are innocent, trusting, and loving. Let us live so they can trust in us, and let us do nothing to shatter their innocence.

And while we are loving them, let us learn from them; let us come to our Father, innocent of sin because of the blood of Jesus, trusting in Him to take care of all our needs, and loving Him just because of who He is.

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"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

It Has Always Been in His Hands and Plan!

New Covenant Pentecostal Holiness Church

Rev. Marc Swanner, Pastor

The year was 1961. A small group of people had a vision to plant a church where they could worship locally. On January 26, 1962, the Warrenton Pentecostal Holiness Church was birthed under the leadership of Rev. Walter E. Floyd. The first congregation was made up of seven members. This new church family rented a house for a while. They were later able to purchase land and build a small building. A few years later, a major remodeling of the church took place, and a parsonage was built under the leadership of Rev. Ray Ward.

The year was 1998, and God had given me a wonderful gift on October 10, the day I married my wife, Denise. The plans were

that together, we would minister in Washington, North Carolina, for a long time. But in December of that year, God began to speak in a new direction for the ministry He was placing before us. I had never given much thought to leaving the church I had planted or the family and friends I had grown up with, but something inside of me was speaking. After much prayer, I spoke with my pastor, Rev. T. E. Long (at that time the superintendent of the conference), about what God was doing. A few weeks later, in January 1999, Brother Long made a call to our home that would change the course of my life. "Brother Swanner," he said, "I have a church in Warrenton that needs a pastor. Would you go up and meet with them?"

Early on January 24, 1999, Denise and I left our home and began to travel into God's will for our future. The drive up to the church was exciting and full of emotions. Neither one of us knew what was going to happen or what to expect, but joy was in the air, and the trip was full of expectation. When we finally reached the church, we could hear our hearts beating in our chests. The parking lot was empty, and no one was in sight. Denise and I sat in the car for a few minutes and took that time to pray and ask God to reveal His plan for us. One by one, cars began to arrive, bringing people for the Sunday school hour. There were 27 people who made Sunday school a part of their morning with God. Ann Spence was the teacher that day. You could tell that Mrs. Ann had spent time with God in preparing to teach the 14 adults and 4 visitors who were part of that class. The other teachers seemed to be just as excited about teaching the 9 children that day. When the Sunday school hour had drawn to a close, four more people

found their way to the morning service. There truly was an air of anticipation in the people that day. For over six months, the Warrenton people had been without a pastor assigned to the church. The people were hopeful and praying that just maybe Denise and I were the ones God was going to send to lead the church. I preached that morning and night to the best of my ability and had to leave the rest to God. For it was now and truly had always been in His hands.

I had made commitments to go and preach at other churches inside and outside the state. My grandfather had instilled in me that when you give your word, you must honor that word. So I did, but my heart was truly with the church in Warren County. I called Brother Long after I had kept my word and informed him I believed in my heart that New Covenant was, beyond a doubt, the place to which God was calling me. That very night the telephone rang, and a voice on the other end asked my wife if I was available to come to the telephone. Mr. Finley Neal, the treasurer of New Covenant, was on the phone. Brother Finley had been asked by the church board to give me a call and inquire if I had made any decision on taking the church. We spoke for hours, and finally I informed him that I had placed a call to Brother Long to accept the church if it was still open. On March 7, 1999, I preached for the first time as the pastor of New Covenant Pentecostal Holiness Church.

New Covenant now had a new pastor, and everyone was ready to work hard to make the church grow. The first week of my being the pastor, the walls began to come down, literally! The pastor's office was an 8 x 12 room; we removed the wall to make the office larger and more serviceable. Most of the windows in the church were in need of repair, so money for 17 new windows was raised. Within a few months, the new windows were installed. The parsonage that had sat empty for over five years was next on the list for repair. New doors, windows, and a roof were installed. The people in the community began to see something happening on this small hill. A rebirthing was taking place, and people were seeing it.

Over the past several years, New Covenant Ministries (NCM) has grown. There is a song that comes to my mind reminding me to count my blessings; well, as I look back, there really are too many to count. In 2000, we opened Loaves & Fishes Ministries. Today this ministry feeds over 900 families a month. In 2004, we built four new handicap-accessible restrooms and equipped the inside and outside of the building for handicapped people. In 2005, NCM had a full-time pastor with full benefits! Praise God! The church's attendance is now between the 80s and 90s. God's people are experiencing the wonderful gifts of God as they are being saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. This past year, we extended the parking lot, and pavement was added. Also, a new state-of-the-art church sign equipped with two electronic messaging centers went online in January 2006. There are so many things to speak about, but the most important thing is that God is, beyond a doubt, building His church, and His plans are being worked out through the people at New Covenant Ministries. People's lives are being changed, and the Spirit of love, joy, and peace abounds within the hearts of the church and people.

Forty-four years of work and living by faith have beyond a doubt taught us as a church family to live by faith! New Covenant Ministries has grown so much over the years. The foundation we are building upon today is because of the hard work and labor of godly men and women who believed in the church. The former pastors will never be forgotten because they brought powerful messages that would inspire the church to move on. Every church growth class and everything I have read says over and over again that ministers do not become pastors until the sixth or seventh year at the church. I have found that this is true. Thank God for leaders in the IPHC and the NC Conference that offer classes, training, and workshops that truly empower the local ministers to help the church grow. As pastor, I find it is great to look behind and see the faithfulness of my Father, but the promise is in looking to the future for His Plans for His people here at New Covenant Ministries of the Pentecostal Holiness Church!

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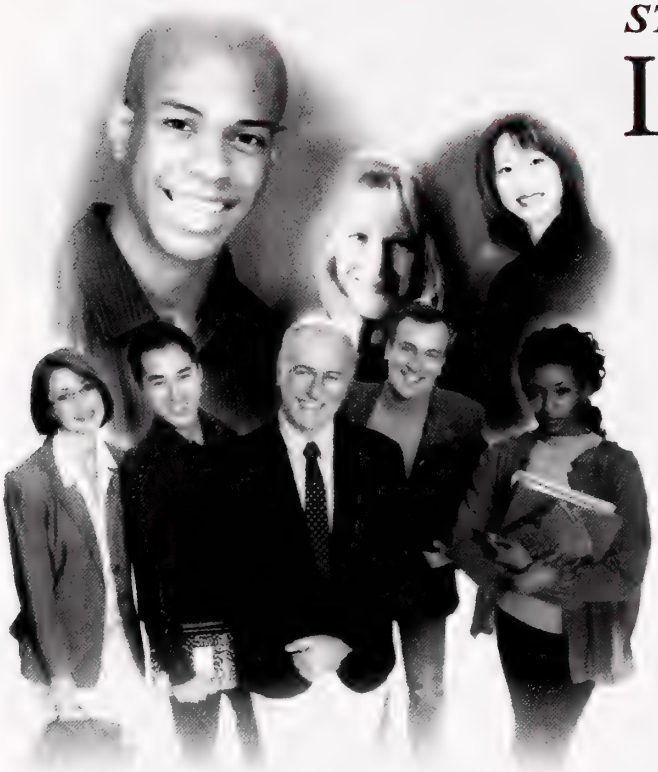

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On Saturday, January 8, 2006, Mr. Raymond Sessoms was honored for having completed 37 successful years as Sunday school superintendent of the Sanford First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In a special "Thank You" ceremony, Mrs. Teresa Dew sang "Thank You for Giving to the Lord" and spoke of how, as she was growing up, Mr. Raymond had been an example for her, as she had witnessed his commitment to Christ.

The newly elected Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Sue Parker, presented Brother Sessoms with a commemorative book that contained pictures and congratulatory sentiments from conference officials, previous pastors, church members, and friends, expressing many memories and appreciation for his outstanding service.

Mrs. Parker also expressed appreciation to Mrs. Shelia West and Mrs. Barbara Miller, who had worked with her to make this event a success. The current pastor, Rev. Steve Wallingford, closed the service with prayer for Brother Sessoms and his family.

—Reported by Katie Beck

FALCON YOUTH CAMP 2006

This year's youth camp, "Erase the Space" is coming soon! We have a few changes this year that you and your child should note. Please notice that Alpha Camp is occurring before Omega Camp this year. Also, due to severe housing restrictions, we can accommodate only a certain number of campers. Please understand that all spaces will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. Being entitled to a scholarship will **not** assure an applicant of a space. Scholarship registrations and all applications need to be postmarked by May 15.

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Capture the Wonder

For some this is an improper title. It should better be "Recapture the Wonder." For some it should be "Cherish the Wonder." For others it would be "Continue the Wonder."

What wonder am I talking about? I am talking about the wonder of walking in God's holiness. A wonder is something, be it a person or an event, that causes the mouth to drop open. It leaves one speechless. It brings forth a great emotional response. Walking in God's provision of holiness does that for me.

In Deuteronomy the Lord's servant Moses, over a period of time, gave a new generation of Israelites a review of the law of God. Most of these were not alive at the time of the Exodus and the encouragement at Sinai. So Moses, by means of the speeches recorded in Deuteronomy, provided God's special people with a comprehensive review of everything that happened during the 40 years in the wilderness.

Consider chapter eight. Moses records the words of the Lord as such: "All the commandments which I command you this day shall you observe to do, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers." This is a powerful expression of hope. However, one must balance this verse with verses 11 and 12. Listen carefully! "Beware that you forget not the LORD your God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you this day: Lest when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses, and dwelt therein..." Also refer to verses 13-18.

The Lord has established the North Carolina Conference and placed her on a wondrous journey of holiness truth. She has been greatly blessed in the past. Yet she is not dead. She has only begun. The promised land has yet to be possessed. It is time for some to recapture the wonder. Some need to capture this glorious wonder for the first time. Others need to cherish it and continue. Allow me to describe it briefly.

Holiness, very simply, is alignment with God's provision and purpose. It is submission to His divine plan and sovereignty. It always provides hope.

I can understand why men fear and shun holiness, but I cannot accept their excuses. God is holy! Heaven is holy! The Bible is even the "Holy" Bible. It is a comfortable word often used by our Lord.

Holiness is an absolute necessity for the church to move successfully into the 21st century. We cannot forget our heritage. A correct biblical understanding does not place us in bondage; it actually releases us.

Do I believe in sanctification as a second work? Absolutely! It is biblical. Do I believe in progressive growth? Absolutely! It is biblical. But we must move beyond these foundations. We must move deeper into an understanding of our God. We do not forget these truths. They are essential foundations, but there is so much more. We must move beyond the entrance.

Allow me to move quickly to my main points. Holiness is *hope* for a brighter and more fulfilled future. We have just begun.

Holiness people, people of God, have a greater hunger for God. "...Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). John said, "...For we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure" (1 John 3:2, 3). Study our history. Our forefathers hungered for more of God.

What is the answer for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren? It is hunger and thirst after God. Experience Him. This can only be done as one walks in Bible-truth – "Holy" Bible-truth. Remember! They that know their God shall be strong and shall do exploits. (Daniel 11).

Holiness people, people of God, walk in obedience. Samuel said to Saul, "It is better to obey than to sacrifice." God said to Abraham, "I am the almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect" (Genesis 17:1). Holiness to God is about obedience. God asked the devil, "Have you noticed Job, a perfect and upright man?" Holiness is integrity. It is obedience lived in a lifestyle of soundness, of adherence to a biblical code. It is being at one with God and self.

Here is obedience in church attendance. Here is obedience in ministry. Here is obedience in stewardship. Here is obedience in evangelism. It is obedience for everyone and for every generation.

Holiness people, people of God, are planters. They have always been planters. They plant churches in order to spread the wondrous truth. Just look at history. They do not have to be small. They remain small only as the founders turn inward. Look outward. Lift your eyes to the fields; they are white with harvest.

Holiness people plant schools. There was G. F. Taylor at Emmanuel College. There was J. A. Culbreth for a Falcon Holiness School. There was a N. J. Holmes for Holmes Bible College. We could go on and on.

Holiness people, real holiness people of history, always crossed racial lines. God and the message were more important than the color of skin.

Holiness people, people of God, have always had equality in their lives. I speak of real holiness people. They are separated from the world, yes, but they are also separated unto God. They pass the Master Test: "...But I will not be brought under the power of any" (1 Corinthians 6:12). They pass the Temple Test: "...Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost...?" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20). They pass the Stumbling Block Test: "... If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh..." (1 Corinthians 8:13). They pass the Soul-Winning Test: "...I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more" (1 Corinthians 9:19).

So here we are, living in the 21st century. May the Lord help us to capture the wonder. He does save! He does deliver! He does comfort! He does guide! He will help us capture the land.

Lord, get us to the Bible. Get us to our knees. Get us to the foot of the cross. Get us to mission. Get us to vision. We desire to hear you say, "Well done!"

Get us to the new heaven, the new earth. May we drink from the fountain of the water of life freely. May we live in the City with His light; may we be shaded by the tree of life.

Disillusioned? Recapture the Holiness road of God's wonder.

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God Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents God

Douglas Huffman and Eric L. Johnson, eds. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company. 325 pages.

The battle for classical Christian theism has not gone away. It remains a virtual battlefield in which the identity and attributes of God are at stake. Who is God? What does He know? How much of the future in under the control of God? Does God take risks? What if God was, in fact, one of us? Is God supportive of all religions and on everyone's side?

How one would answer these and other questions matters. Modern scholarship seeks to reinvent God in ways that humanize Him, and explain Him in ways that contradict the teachings of the Word of God. The editors ask, "Should the God of historic Christianity be replaced?" Is He less interested in obedience than before? Has hell essentially been done away with, reserved only for the likes of Hitler, Idi Amin, or Osama bin Laden? Is today's version of God "new and improved"?

If contemporary Christians strive to avoid the anti-intellectualism, moral rigidity, arrogance, and cultural irrelevance of 20th-century fundamentalism, then what will take its place? The authors contend the church is in a very real danger of promoting a heretical syncretism, a poisonous blending of false teachings disguised as biblical and true.

This publication consists of 12 chapters, written by various competent contributors, that answer key questions about the nature, person, and purpose of God in light of the recent teachings of postmodern theologians and self-proclaimed open theists. For example, one chapter, written by William Lane Craig, answers the question, "What does God know?" Classical Pentecostals believe God knows everything, actual and potential. He knows all facts, including everything that could have happened if certain events had gone another way. Potential knowledge includes the "what ifs" of human

existence, such as, "What if Barry Goldwater had been elected President of the United States?" This belief is being hotly contested today. Some allege that this less-than-omniscient God does not know all the future, and therefore he is a "risk-taking" kind of God.

Additional questions include (1) Does God reveal who He actually is? (2) Is God bound by time? (3) Does God change? (4) How shall we think about the Trinity? (5) How can we reconcile the love and the transcendent sovereignty of God? These questions delve into the heart of the matter of theology. There is no real faith without a belief in the one true God, as revealed in the Holy Bible, for what one believes about God is a decisive, eternal issue.

The authors respond to recent scholarship and heavily footnote their references and statements for further study. As a momentous intellectual battle, the differences between classical Christianity and the neotheists are fundamental and divisive, and rightly so. There are consequences when one alters the facts about the revealed God of the Bible. To reformulate God is to misrepresent Him. While some seek to domesticate the God of the Bible, He remains unchanged about His view of idolatry. Let us think about God the way He would want us to think of Him. He knows in advance all things. He controls all things. Evil and human suffering will come to an end. The Cross was not an afterthought of God. The death of Christ was no accident. Satan has failed, is failing, and will ultimately fail. The Lord is, was, and is to come. Jesus never fails. God has no Plan B. His ways are perfect, and they are past finding out. His Word stands like an impregnable and invincible fortress. A mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever!

Charts on Open Theism and Orthodoxy

by H. Wayne House. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications. 139 pages.

This handy, concise but thorough reference guide to the major issues and sources in the debate over Open Theism, a serious deviation from historic Christianity, is a great resource for those who are concerned with these issues and would like to teach others about this intellectual battle that is currently going on in theological circles and churches alike. The major points of comparison and contrast between historical Orthodoxy and Open Theism are given in an easy-to-follow, parallel-column format.

The six parts include (1) Terms and Definitions, (2) Hermeneutics and Theological Language, (3) The Doctrine of Scripture in Open Theism, (4) Historical Understanding of Ultimate Reality—God, (5) Historical Review on the Attributes of God, and (6) Open Theism Compared With Other Systems. Each page in the book would make an excellent handout. Those who desire a more complete understanding of the issues may consult the bibliography for further study. It is easy to recommend this book of charts highly.

The Six Core Values of Sunday School

by Allan Taylor. Woodstock, Georgia: Riverstone Group. 208 pages.

Sunday school is dying in many circles today, giving way to a variety of forces, some good and some not so good. Has Sunday school failed us, or have we failed Sunday school? Pastors struggle with what to do. For those who care about being effective in ministry, systematic Bible study cannot be allowed to die off and become a dinosaur of the past.

Equipping the saints for the work of the ministry is a vital role of the church. Systematic Bible study is essential to the life and ministry of any church, large or small. Failure to equip the saints paralyzes the church, and without a systematic Bible study, a large majority of the saints will gradually become biblically illiterate and spiritually shallow. For many years, Sunday school has been one of the solutions to equipping the saints. But times have changed, and Sunday school is no longer looked upon as the way to go for many pastors and church leaders.

Taylor, a seasoned practitioner of reaching, teaching, and ministering to people, strongly advocates a place for Sunday school in the local church. In the book he discusses six core values: (1) Reaching People, (2) Teaching People, (3) Ministering to People, (4) Involving People, (5) Assimilating People, and (6) Building Relationships With People. Since the Sunday school is the church organized to do the work of the Great Commission, these core values are the work of the church of any age. Taylor makes the claim that embracing these six core values will make the Sunday school manageable, measurable, and movable.

Most pastors would agree that the Sunday school class is a miniature congregation, and the teacher should be a miniature pastor. The teacher's role is not only to teach the Bible, but also to minister to the people. But for many churches, where does one find good teachers who are willing to reach, teach, and minister to people?

The author contends that Sunday morning before the worship service is "prime time" to reach, teach, and minister to people. But why are many not coming to Sunday school today, if it is prime time?

To understand the reasons, appreciate the purpose of the church, and somehow create a program that meets the needs of the people and, at the same time, fulfills the Great Commission seems to the reviewer the way to go.

Is Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. the only time to have church school? What is wrong with Sunday night school or Thursday night school? Pastor Johnny Hunt, who has grown a very large church through Sunday school, advises, "If you only attend one hour on Sunday morning, do not come to hear me preach; go to Sunday school." The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. The main thing is reaching, teaching, and ministering to people, whatever day or time.

Any pastor, Sunday school superintendent, or teacher who desires to understand the vital functions of a successful Sunday school should, by all means, purchase this book. It is very good to meet that need. If you are looking for three important reasons why Sunday morning at 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. is the *only* time to have systematic Bible study, then disregard the recommendation. Happy Reading!

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Jack Kelley

We have had several changes in Men Ministries this year. After many successful years of serving this great conference, an outstanding leader stepped down. Jack Kelley served this conference well as the Men's Ministries International Director. Men's Ministries would not be where it is today without Jack. Thank you, Jack, for everything you have done for the ministry and for all you have taught us, especially myself.

In January we had a new leader come forward. Bill Terry moved from California to Oklahoma to take over as international director of Men's Ministries. God had his hand in this entire transaction. The reason I say this is that Bill has taken this position with a heart for all men. The transition was nearly perfect.

I recently traveled to Oklahoma for a Men's Ministries conference directors' summit. The men rallied together under the leadership of Bill Terry. Our minds were bursting with new ideas ready for launching on our return home. The men are excited and have been refreshed with wonderful ideas to help get projects off the ground. Please pray for Men's Ministries and our new international director, Bill.

Bill Terry

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."
(Isaiah 40:31)

Dear Women of God,

The NCWM Retreat, *"Soaring to Renewal,"* is now history, but not forgotten. Dr. Lynn Lucas of East Northport, New York, allowed the Lord to use her to bless us. What a wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit was ushered into the sanctuary at Goldsboro First! Approximately 550 women (and a few men) gathered for this retreat. From the time we started until it ended on Saturday afternoon, God was with us!

The choir and praise team, under the direction of Carolyn Castonia, did an outstanding job of leading us in worship. We appreciate them for their commitment to this ministry.

We took up a special offering in the sum of $1650 for Psalm 91 prayer bandanas, which will be sent to our military. Thank you, ladies, for helping with this project.

The scripture we chose for this retreat is found in Isaiah 40:31 and is very familiar to all of us: *"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles...."* I read an article about bald eagles. They are about 29 to 42 inches long, can weigh 7 to 15 pounds, and have a wingspan of 6 to 8 feet. This makes them one of the largest birds in North America. Bald eagles have been recorded at 44 miles per hour in level flight. They can fly to altitudes of 10,000 feet or more, and can soar aloft for hours using natural wind currents and thermal updrafts.

Now you are wondering, *What's your point?* God wants us to soar like eagles. When circumstances of life try to pull us down and discourage us, God wants us to draw closer to Him and not give up. Too many times as leaders, it is so easy to question why we do what we do. But like the bald eagle, when the pest starts biting at us, we can fly a little higher! Praise God!

May the Lord bless each of you as you seek His wisdom and direction as you minister to those in your corner of the world.

Remember, *together we can make a difference.*

In His Love,
Mrs. Patsy

POTPOURRI....

- Dispose of stacks of old magazines you kept because each one had a recipe or story you wanted to keep. Cut the story or recipe out of the magazine and file it away in a recipe box or notebook. Keeping the notebook in alphabetical order and by type of recipe will streamline the process.
- Have separate hampers for dirty laundry (lights, darks, whites, linens) to alleviate the need to separate laundry.
- With the microwave, if there is hard-to-remove food on the inside surface, heat a bowl of water to boiling, with lemon juice added to both loosen the food and remove the smell.
- Donate to a thrift store any clothing you haven't worn in a year or that no longer matches your style.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Directors' Council is Saturday, May 6, in Falcon. All local W.M. directors are invited to this meeting. (You will be receiving additional information in the mail).
- NCWM Quadrennial Conference is Saturday, June 3, 2006, in Falcon. Our theme is "Fully Released," and our presiding officer and guest speaker is Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, General W.M. assistant director.

Retreat Comments

From Patsy Vaughan, pastor of Vanceboro P.H. Church...

"Charles Boyd taught me that *wow* spelled backwards is *wow*... That means, any way you look at it, it is wow! The W.M. retreat was a wow—the most awesome W.M. Retreat ever! (I've only been to four, but I still know that this was the best ever!) Everything was superb. The hotel, the guest speaker, the church, the guest speaker, the worship leaders, the guest speaker! It would be OK with me if you just duplicate it again next year.

I have a P.T.L. The Lord healed me! I have suffered from degenerative disk disease in my neck: constant pain that worsened with time for two years. The pain is gone—no pain—on a scale of 1 to 10, zero! I can turn my neck farther on that side than my "good" side. In addition, I have had constant pain in feet and legs since I entered the pastorate 12½ years ago. It had worsened to the point that I felt I could not stand to preach two Sunday services. This Sunday, after I led two services, I am sure my feet hurt no more than yours did. Also, God has begun the healing process in other physical problems from which I have suffered. He is going to "renew my youth like the eagles" and strengthen me spiritually and physically for the work ahead. To God be the glory!"

From Carol Davis... "I felt also that this was the best retreat we have had, and I enjoyed all the others very much. God did a work in me, and I will never be the same. He touched me spiritually, and I believe this is just a beginning for me as to what God is going to do for me. I was truly blessed!"

From Gwen Duncan... "There were only two of us who attended the NCWM retreat. We were both moved by what Dr. Lucas had to say. I don't know that we received a special blessing. However, I am sharing the CDs with other ladies, and one has really been blessed by what she heard. May I also comment that because you planned for and allowed for Dr. Lucas to preach and minister for a longer period of time, I believe the retreat allowed to happen what the Holy Spirit intended. Thanks for being sensitive to the women's needs."

Praise and Worship

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"Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a convenant with me by sacrifice." Psalm 50:5

A Chosen Generation

"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Ministers' wives are very special people to the Lord. All wives are commissioned to support and encourage their husbands in whatever they do in life, but a minister's wife, in some ways, feels the responsibility to be more a part of her husband's ministry, for the simple reason that it is a ministry.

These days, most of our ministers' wives work public jobs and are bogged down with too many jobs and not enough time. Because of this juggling act, they do not feel that they are as much a part of their husband's ministries as they need to be. Each partner in marriage carries her or his own weight and therefore is as much a part of the ministry as the other. Chris and I have found through the last few years, as I have been able to go with him more and more, that we are a team. Our hope and prayer are that each of our ministry couples can realize that they are in this together also.

Sometimes we hear that the wife may say that her husband was called and not her, but when God calls a person and he marries, the spouse accepts whatever comes to the person she married. When a man and woman take their vows in the marriage ceremony, it covers every area of their married life.

Just as the Israelites were "a chosen generation," ministers' wives are chosen to fill that special place in ministry for our gracious Lord. This is a diverse calling, in that we are responsible for many areas of ministry. Many times when the minister in the family accepts a position at a church, the church receives more than one worker. A ministerial family will do anything in their power and with the Lord's help to make the ministry succeed.

God has blessed the North Carolina Conference with many precious ministerial families. I know I speak for my husband in saying that we really appreciate each of you! You are such a blessing to His kingdom! Our prayers are with each of you because we know that you are continually lambasted with all kinds of things in these days that we live in, but remember Whom we serve! He is still in control and is right there beside you every step of the way.

Psalm 68:1-4 reads, "May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him. As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them away; as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God. But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds—his name is the LORD—and rejoice before him."

Do not be discouraged, "but look up, for your redemption draweth nigh." We live in this world but for a season, and all that we go through will be turned around for God's glory. He knows our every feeling and heartache and will lift us up in His time. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Casting all your care on Him, for He cares for you." Think of the word *casting* as when you go fishing and you cast your line. When you cast your line, you try to throw it as far away from you as you can. That's what our Father is telling us to do with all of the cares of this life. Send them flying! He is in control and will work it all out for our good.

It has been said that a minister's wife can make or break a minister's ministry. This is something of which we are constantly aware, just as a Christian should be aware of her influence toward new Christians. We live in a day and time when people are apt to expect much more from each other and then be outspoken to those around them. We need to go back to the Word and ask the Lord to open our eyes and, most of all, our hearts to what He requires of us. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my Strength and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

Remember that you are "a chosen generation," that our God has called us, and that wherever we go, He is ever near to make a way for us. I am reminded of something that the Lord did for me recently. I was in the Dollar Store and was on my way to the front to pay for my purchase. There was a lady at the register paying for her purchase. All of a sudden, I saw a woman come around the front of the cash register station, around the lady who was paying, and then put her cart in front of me. I wasn't quite to the register, so I decided it really didn't matter. The lady started putting her things on the counter and turned and looked at me and said, "I guess I should have let you go ahead of me."

I said, "No, it doesn't matter; I'm not in a hurry."

So she went on and paid for her things and then moved out of the way. I was wearing a cross necklace that I enjoy wearing at times. While I was paying for my things, she came over behind me and said in my ear, "Your cross just heaped coals of fire on my head!" I really didn't know what to say and laughed. I didn't have to say a word, but the cross worked things out. I also realized the power of the cross. Many times, as Christians, we take so much for granted and do not realize the power of the cross at our disposal. So remember that you are "chosen" for such a time as this, and He goes with you and before you.

"May God bless you and keep you and make His face shine upon you."

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Those Who Follow You

Recently, I heard a man named Andy Andrews speak on UNC-TV, and one statement has stuck with me ever since. He said, "Everything you do or say matters to all those who follow you, so what kind of difference will you make?"

Most of us want to make our lives count for the Lord, for our families, or for our friends, but we think of doing something extraordinary as the way of fulfilling that desire.

The Bible tells us that even a shepherd boy can become a king and influence people generation after generation. David's Psalms are speaking to us even today of God's lovingkindness, mercy, and grace. What kind of difference will you make in this world that we live in? Do you really care about other people, or is your life centered on you? One of the objectives of the North Carolina Conference Archives is to give witness of the lives of men and women of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and how they sacrificed, worked, struggled, worshiped, and served the God for whom they gave their lives.

We have been trying to interview as many of our retired ministers and their wives as we can. Mr. Reuben James, who lives here in Falcon, has offered to help me with this project, but it is a big undertaking, and we could use some help if any of you are so inclined.

I have thoroughly enjoyed interviewing our retired ministers and their wives. Their lives have inspired and encouraged me in many ways. We need to know all about these people and what they have done for the Lord and His work. Many times we do not know anything about a person's life until he is gone and we are sitting in the funeral service. Please cherish these people, even if it is to just sit down and ask questions about their lives and ministries, and don't forget your tape recorder or video camera. I have some question sheets made up for you to interview ministers or laymen.

Volunteers Needed

There are many areas in which we could use some help here at the Archives. We need someone to help with our computer system, Library Master. My computer skills are limited, and, of course, there are many different things that need to be done. We need help with cataloging what is given, filing these things in the appropriate places, reworking some of our files, interviews, transcribing our interviews, sorting through boxes of donations, and processing them. I also have some things that were given to be copied and then returned. There are several jobs I haven't mentioned that need to be done. So you see, the list is endless!

Please call and let me know when you can come. Thanks!

You Really Missed It!

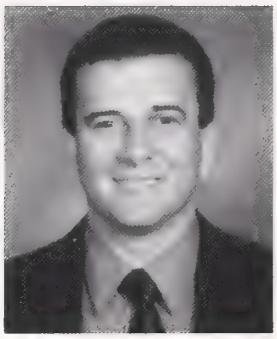
I hate to be negative, but you did miss it. You missed our Archives Training on April 1, 2006, and you really missed an inspiring devotion by one of our own, Brother Danny Rollins of Goldsboro, and one of our presenters for the day also. Brother Danny also gave the presentation on Rev. G. B. Cashwell and what was called, even in 1907, the Azusa East Revival. Brother Danny is very knowledgeable of our church's history and sincerely loves to talk about all that God has done within our great church.

Mrs. Becky McGee-Lankford of the North Carolina State Archives came and brought an assistant and talked with us about many things we need to do and not do in taking care of our records, pictures, or artifacts that need to be kept for the next generation. She left with us all kinds of handouts with valuable information. She, too, was very knowledgeable about all types of materials and left us wanting to have another training before the year ends.

If you need any information about taking care of your records, writing a church history, doing an interview, or anything pertaining to archives, please call. Also, if you can come and help us, I would appreciate it. Thanks!

God bless!

–Betty T.



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

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Creando Ministerios en la Iglesia Local Parte I

El pasaje de Hechos 6:1-7 nos provee un marco rico en enseñanzas en cuanto a la meta y procedimiento de establecer o crear nuevos ministerios en nuestras iglesias. Crear nuevos ministerios en la iglesia se hace con el propósito de **ministrar** y llenar necesidades especificas de la gente en nuestras congregaciones y en nuestra ciudad.

Todos sabemos que en la medida que una iglesia crece, así también crecen las demandas de servicio y atención a las personas que estamos alcanzando. También el hecho de crear nuevos ministerios le brinda a los miembros, mayores oportunidades para poner a trabajar sus dones y mantenerse ocupados en los negocios del Señor.

Una observación valiosa en cuanto a la marcha de la iglesia, es que si estamos contentos con el estado actual de las cosas en nuestras congregaciones, es probable que no estamos descubriendo la visión de Dios. El mantenernos sin cambiar o hacer mejoras en lo que estamos haciendo en nuestras iglesias, puede detener el progreso de la obra y se quedan áreas sin cubrir en las que podríamos poner a funcionar grandes ministerios.

Un ministerio es un oficio y una obra; es un servicio que se da a las personas para su bienestar físico, emocional y espiritual, mediante el uso de diveros recursos administra- dos por personas capacitadas con el fin de lograr el cumplimiento del plan y propósito de Dios en sus vidas. 1 Pedro 4:10 "Cada uno según el don que ha recibido, **minístrelo a los otros**..." Como podrían los miembros de nuestras iglesias ministrar sus dones a otros, sino creamos las oportunidades de trabajo mediante los diferentes ministerios.

Ahora empezemos a estudiar el pasaje base de nuestra reflexión. Hechos 6:1-7.

Primero el texto dice que el número de los discípulos crecía. Con ese marco de referencia, es claro que con el crecimiento de la iglesia también crecen las necesidades y la demanda de más personas involucradas en el ministerio para atender esas necesidades. Es cierto que la iglesia en los primeros días no tenía organización formal ni otros dirigentes que los apostoles y que el crecimiento numérico y el surgimiento de problemas internos hicieron necesario el comienzo de la organización y la elección de otros ministros adiciones.

Esto me recuerda que hay una diferencia entre ser **proactivos** y ser **reactivos**.

a. Proactivo. Es la acción por adelantado para tratar con un asunto no esperado, anticipación. Es estar preparado
b. Reactivo. Es la acción en respuesta a un evento. Es la acción provocada por otra, la respuesta a un estímulo. Algo sucede, entonces actuamos.

En la iglesia debemos estar preparados para responder a las necesidades de la misma, en vez de andar en carreras buscando la solución para resolver la situación. Por eso la **evaluación** regular y constante es un buen recurso a nuestro favor para medir el desarrollo y crecimiento de la iglesia local. Al evaluar nos permite responder a las preguntas: Para dónde vamos? Estamos logrando el propósito de Dios en nuestra comunidad? Estamos obteniendo los resultados esperados? y si no, Por qué? Qué se necesita cambiar? Qué hay que reforzar? Qué es lo que está dando resultados y qué no? y en fin, muchas otras preguntas necesarias.

El crecimiento espiritual y numérico de la iglesia local debe esperarse y procurarse; si no lo estamos logrando, necesitamos examinar las razones y encontrar las vías apropiadas para obtenerlo, implementando las estrategias correctas para ese crecimiento.

Debo mencionar que el **crecimiento** y la **consolidación** trabajan juntas. Como dijera alguien, la evangelización abre las puertas de la iglesia bien abiertas para que entren, pero la asimilación cierra las puertas de atrás para que se queden. No podemos pretender el crecimiento de la iglesia, sino estamos usando metodos apropiados para consolidar el fruto que Dios está enviando a nuestra iglesia. Si está trabajando fuertemente para conseguir el crecimiento de la iglesia, al mismo tiempo debe trabajar fuertemente para consolidar ese crecimiento. Debe asimilar a la gente y convertirlos en discípulos de Cristo, ese es el corazón de la Gran Comisión (Mt. 28:19-20).

La creación de ministerios diversos, dentro de la iglesia también, tomarán parte vital en la consolidación del crecimiento que está experimentando. Cuando hablo de la creación de ministerios diversos, no me refiero a formar comités de personas en áreas diferentes, para que se convierten más tarde en solo figuras, posiciones o títulos, sino en gente que estará activamente involucrada en edificar la vida de la iglesia, mediante la administración de conocimiento y resursos para ayudar en el desarrollo y crecimiento de cada miembro. Digo esto, porque muchos comités o juntas se forman para luego no hacer mucho o nada, lo cual producirá frustración en vez de edificación.

Un aspecto importante tomado del versículo de Hechos 6:1, es como surge la necesidad de crear ministerios en la iglesia local para atender las necesidades de la gente. Aquí dice que las necesidades de las viudas griegas no estaban siendo bien atendidas y hubo murmuración de ellos contra los hebreos. Es decir hubo quejas y comentarios entre ellos. Esto llevó a los apóstoles a buscar más líderes para atender esa área y más tarde la situación se resolvió. Aquí deseo decir que es importante poner atención a las diferentes áreas de la iglesia y cuando sabemos que hay que hacer algo, lo hagamos sin perder tiempo y no posterguemos la solución. **Prioridades** es la palabra clave aquí. La postergación le ha hecho mucho daño a la iglesia en diferentes aspectos, debido a que hemos retrasado muchas cosas que requerían de una acción inmediata.

Aquí hay algunos factores que influyen para saber cuando crear un ministerio en la iglesia:

- Primero que todo, la dirección y voluntad de Dios sobre algo que debe ser realizado
- Por supuesto, el crecimiento mismo de la iglesia
- Quejas de las personas en que sus necesidades no están siendo atendidas.
- Oportunidades que surgen por la provisión de recursos o la disposición de personas en desempeñar esas funciones.

- Deficiencias en una conducta específica de un sector específico de la iglesia
- Las sugerencias de personas en cuanto a formar un ministerio determinado
- Por la observación misma, acerca de lo que debiera ser, pero que no está todavía
- Como resultado de la evaluación misma
- En la relación con las personas de la iglesia por medio de la consejería o las visitas a sus hogares, revelan necesidades
- Una situación imperante en la vida de la comunidad que debe ser resuelta.

Mis hermanos, las oportunidades que tenemos para llevar a cabo grandes proyectos, son innumerables, pero necesitamos tener visión, especialmente aquello que define como visión, como un cuadro de lo que Dios desea hacer.

Creating Ministries in the Local Church Part I

The passage of Acts 6:1-7 provides us a good frame in teaching to reach the goal of the procedure for establishing or creating new ministries in our churches. Creating new ministries in the church is made with the purpose of **ministry** and meeting specific needs of the people in our congregations and in our communities.

All of us know that as the church grows, so also grow the demands of service and attention to the people we are reaching and serving. Also the fact of creating new ministries gives the members greater opportunities to start working with their gifts and stay busy in the business of the Lord.

A valuable observation for the development of the church is that as long as we are content with the status quo in our congregations, we will not discover God's vision. If we are not making any changes or improvements in what we are doing in our churches, we could stop the progress of the work, and there will be areas that are not covered where we could have started making great ministries function.

A ministry is an occupation and a work; it is a service that is given to the people for their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being by means of diverse resources administered by qualified people for the purpose of achieving the execution of the plan and purpose of God in their lives. 1 Peter 4:10 – "As each one has received a gift, **minister it to one another**..." How could members of our churches minister their gifts to one another if we are not creating opportunities for work by means of several ministries?

Now let's start talking and studying this passage for our reflection: Acts 6:1-7.

First of all, the text says, "Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying..." With that frame of reference, it is clear that when the church grows, the needs grow also, and also the demand for more people to be involved in ministry in order to assist with those needs. It is true that the church in its first days didn't have formal organization, nor leaders other than the apostles, and that the numeric growth and new internal problems made necessary the beginning of organization and election of other additional ministers.

This reminds me that there is a difference between being **proactive** and be **reactive**.

a. Proactive means action in advance in order to try a matter, not wait for others; to bring forward. It means to be prepared.
b. Reactive means action in answer to an event. It is action caused by another, the answer to a stimulus. Something happens; then we act.

In the church we should be prepared to respond to the needs of people, instead of walking or running in different directions, looking for solutions to solve the situation. For that reason, regular and constant **evaluation** is a good resource in our favor in order to measure the level of development and growth of the church. Upon evaluating, let us respond to such questions as these: Where we going? Are we achieving the purpose of God in our community? Are we obtaining the prospective results, and if not, what is the reason? What needs to be changed? What is it necessary to reinforce? What is giving us results, and what is not? And, in short, many other necessary questions should be asked.

Spiritual and numeric growth should be expected and pursued. If we are not achieving, we need to examine the reasons and find appropriate ways in order to obtain it, implementing the correct strategies for that growth.

I should mention that **growth** and **consolidation** work together. As somebody has said, evangelization opens the doors of the church wide so they may enter, but assimilation closes the back door so they stay. We cannot seek growth of the church if we are not using appropriate methods to consolidate the fruit that God is sending to our church. If you are working strongly in order to achieve growth of the church, at the same time you should work strongly in order to consolidate that growth. You should assimilate the people and convert them into disciples of Christ; that is the heart of the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20).

The creation of diverse ministries inside the church will also play a vital part in consolidating the growth that the churches are experiencing. When I talk about the creation of diverse ministries, I don't refer to forming committees of people in different areas, so that they are converted later in single figures, positions, or titles; but I refer to people who will be actively involved in building the life of the church, by means of the administration of their gifts, knowledge, and resources, in order to help in the development and growth of each member. I say this because many committees or boards are formed within the church, but later they are doing almost nothing, and this will produce frustration instead of building lives.

One important aspect from Acts 6:1 is how the need arises to create ministries in the local church in order to meet the needs of the people. This verse says, "...There arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution." It is saying that there were complaints and comments between them. This leads the apostles to look for more leaders in order to assist in that area, and we see later that the situation was resolved. Here I want to say that it is important to pay attention to the several areas of the church; and when we know that it is necessary to do something, we have to do it without losing time and without delaying the solution. **Priorities** are the key word here. Delay has done much damage to the church in several aspects, because we have delayed many things that required immediate action.

Here are some factors that influence knowing when we need to create a ministry in the church:

- First of all, we need to discover the direction and will of God about something we should be doing.
- Of course, by the growth of the church.
- Complaints by people about areas in which they are not being well assisted in meeting their needs.
- Opportunities that arise because of the provision of resources or the availability of people to carry out those functions.
- Deficiencies in a specific conduct of a particular group of people in the church.
- Suggestions from people to form a certain ministry.
- Observations about something that should be functioning, but is still not in place.
- As a result of the same personal and regular evaluation.
- In relationship with people of the church by way of counseling or visits to their homes; these many times reveal needs.
- A specific situation that maintains control over the life of the community that should be resolved.

My brethren, our opportunities to carry out big projects are countless, but we need to have vision, especially what defines the vision as a picture of what God wants to do.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

The Wootens

Salamia Katika Yesu Christo. Tulifika Africa 22 March 2006. Bwana Asifiwe!

Greetings in Jesus. We arrived in Africa on March 22, 2006. Praise the Lord!

I am very happy to report this wonderful news and also very humbled at the same time that each of you has helped us the way you have. It still overwhelms me that God can call us to go and at the same time call people like you to come alongside us, pray for us, and financially help us accomplish what He has purposed us to do. Thank you so much.

Our first two weeks have been a blur. We arrived and found our house, which we had been renting for several months, prepared for us. Sister Gailya List enlisted some help from our church here and had the whole house cleaned. It is so dusty here that in just a few days, it looked again as if it had not been cleaned. Jimmie and Angie Pope arrived the day after we did, and it was my responsibility to carry them around Nairobi to help them secure housing, vehicles, phone service, schooling etc. We managed to do that, and they are ready to move here in May. Praise the Lord!

We still do not have a phone or Internet service in our home, but we have a cyber café just down the street from us, and I try to go every other day and check e-mails, etc.

God is already at work. We took the girls to their school, and Jessica had prayed that she would meet someone she knew from here three years here before. We walked into the counselor's office, and a girl there said, "Jessica Wooten." Jessica looked, and it was one of her friends from kindergarten. Wow! Isn't God good? The girls loved the school and wished they could start right away.

Please help us pray:

1. *A vehicle – I have just found a 4-wheel-drive Toyota Land Cruiser that is really nice. It is a 1999 model and has very low mileage, but the owner is asking $35,000. I have seen several others, and they were even higher. We need a 4-wheel-drive vehicle, and it needs to come from a reputable source, but the price of cars here is very high. Pray for God to give me the peace I need to make the right decision.*
2. *I am preaching tomorrow at Calvary Worship Centre. This is the church I pastored before. We are excited about this as it kicks off our ministry time in Africa.*
3. *Rev. List, Rev. Bethea Moore, and I leave on Tuesday for a week in Ethiopia. We have a leaders' conference and will be having some critical meetings with this leadership, setting vision and direction for the future.* ***We need a lot of help to get this work solidified. Please intercede in the Spirit over these meetings. Pastors, please, if you feel led in any way to come over for a visit or would like to help your church become a part of the work in Ethiopia by sowing seeds for building, purchasing land, training pastors, let me know. I believe God wants to do something great here.***
4. *Pray for Sharon and the girls since this is my first time away since coming back. We do not have transportation, and we still are not quite settled. I know this will be hard for them.*

We love you, thank God for each of you, and pray for you. Thanks for your continued support and prayers for us.

In Him,
Ron, Sharon, Jessica and Janene

The Clowers

This is a women's conference at one of our churches. We saw miracles, salvations, healings, and the restorative work of the Holy Spirit. Where is victory won but on our knees! Over 50 women came, many battered and bruised from life. But they left transformed and victorious!

Darrel is preaching in a crusade in Villa Mella. There were about 700 people in attendance. The worship was vibrant, and many celebrated their victory with a 25-lap Jericho march!

It was a proud day for our family. Daniel and Trevor were baptized in a river, along with about 25 others.

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Churches Praying for a Great Harvest

Prayer at the Octagon Tabernacle

It has been three years since some of our local churches in the North Carolina Conference of the IPHC have been participating in times of prayer and fasting at the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon, North Carolina. This has taken place because of a word of instruction given to us by the Holy Spirit. His desire has been for us to gather together as the body of Christ and church family in times of corporate fasting and prayer.

We have observed that the Holy Spirit desires to meet with us in order to empower us and refill us with his Spirit. I believe that as we meet, a new infilling will occur, and we will receive power and a greater anointing. This infilling and anointing will be given to us in order to obtain a greater harvest in these last days, just as it was on the day of Pentecost.

On the day of Pentecost they received *power*. God's presence and glory were so evident that not only did they speak with other tongues, but they also were empowered to witness, and the manifestation of an abundance of souls was imparted to the church. They were like a magnet, light, salt, and breath of life to the world because of their obedience and the power imparted to them by the Holy Spirit.

We need the same impartation to occur today. I believe the window of opportunity has come. Many are being added to the church, but many more can be added.

We need more of God's glory, presence, and power to be witnesses, so that many will be added to God's kingdom, and our churches will experience an increase.

Instructions given:

- **Come together (local churches)**
- ***Be of one accord***
- **In one place (meet at Octagon Tabernacle)**
- **See the harvest of souls ("The day is fully come")**
- **Seek God (pray and fast)**
- **Obey (the instruction of the Holy Spirit)**
- **Come!**
- **Go (witness with power)**

Promises given:

- ***Holy Ghost (His presence, power, and glory go with you)***
- ***Receive power, anointing, and authority***
- ***Witness (I will send you to the right field to gather the harvest)***
- ***Favor (with God and man)***
- ***Time has fully come (I have set it up)***

Acts 1:4, 8: "Wait for the promise of the Father which, saith he, ye have heard of me. ... But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

Acts 2:1, 4, 41: "When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ... And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ... And there were added that day about three thousand souls."

Note, that Pentecost was the second greatest festival of the Jewish year. It was a harvest festival when the firstfruits of the grain harvest were presented to God (Leviticus 23:17).

In like manner Pentecost symbolizes, for the church, the beginning of God's harvest for souls in the world (FLB).

God wants to give us a harvest of souls! Set a time to come to Falcon with your local church and others for a time of prayer, fasting, and empowering.

Churches that have participated in 2006:

January – Abiding in Him Church; February – Operation Teaching Tools, Abiding in Him; March – Westmoreland; April – Clinton PHC (We have witnessed a mighty outpouring.)

Call today: WIN Director - Pastor Lydia Figueroa - 910-429-0312

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Piece by Piece

by Rev. Terry Whittenton
N.C. CEM Board Member

Reading these articles would make one think, *Everyone has his own agenda.* Sometimes it is very difficult to convince individuals you are just part of the team. We talk a lot in regard to team and team mentality. In fact, our local church wrote about this in the church newsletter just the other day. **TEAM** is used as the acronym – **Together Everyone Achieves More**. No doubt, the team concept is needed, especially within the confines of the present-day church. Remember the saying, "No man is an island entire of itself..." or something to that effect.

Recently I was doing some evaluation in regard to our conference and the church as a whole. Some interesting facts came to my mind. Let's take a journey back into a few years of our ministry.

Fact One: It wasn't too long ago we were combating the idea of **traditionalism**. The fact is, there are always some parts of our lives that are traditional. The reality we need to face is our mentality of *legalism*. God truly has helped us tear down a lot of walls in regard to this. Our main concern should still be to respect one another. Regardless of some of the simple, overbearing characteristics we all have, balance should be at the forefront of all we do.

Fact Two: Not too long ago, we dealt with **worship**. Oh, how this topic still comes up! The sad part is, we have almost allowed it to destroy rather than build. I love worship. He is worthy of all our praise. This should not be an argument for anyone, anywhere.

Fact Three: **youth ministry**. Do you realize the Lord has allowed me this wonderful opportunity time and time again? I love teenagers. Usually I have this little saying: "Teenagers are the greatest animal God ever created." Don't be offended. The teenagers often respond with a huge laugh. Teenagers love to be loved. Teenagers love to be disciplined. Teenagers love to be a part. Some of my greatest years of ministry have taken place as a substitute in our local high school, just simply able to be around and love this unique age of God's creation.

Fact Four: Don't forget **leadership**. Man, have we stressed this one! Pay close attention to most of the IPHC, and you will see the encouragement towards leadership. I enjoy getting Stan Toler's *Leadership Wired* through e-mail. God only knows we need leaders: not just strong leaders, but leaders with compassion and heart. Oh yeah, it is possible for people to tell others to do, but their heart can't be located in the mix. Leadership is more than commanding – it also involves loving.

Your response could quickly be, "Tell it like it is," or "He's being critical." However, mentioning these areas has nothing to do with being critical, nor with trying to tell anyone "like it is." We must face the facts; these are not all the pieces to our puzzle.

In August of this year, we will be offering our fourth Children's Seminar. The theme "Piece by Piece" will be the focus. Have you read this article carefully? Understand, there are many other areas on which we have focused. But one area we lack, effective children's ministry within the local church, hinders all the puzzle building we need to do. A question comes to mind: Where do you begin to build a church structure or even a house? Do you start with the roof? Or do you start with the walls? How about the plumbing? No, it's the carpet. Of course not! Structures start in the soil with the foundation. Everything we do in the church must have a foundation. The softer the soil, the deeper the foundation needs to be. Everything hinges on foundation.

In case you haven't noticed, our society is in a mess. The family is in a mess, and the church is in a mess. The problem is partly due to the family and the church's doing very little to arm our children with the principles needed to face the challenges of our present society. Too many times, our children go into the battlefield with improper weapons and without the necessary skill to survive the attacks on their lives.

George Barna gives this startling statistic: If our children (foundation) do not receive a biblical worldview by the time they are "13, the chances of [their] developing such a life perspective is slim, at best. In fact, only 9 percent of all born-again adults in the United States currently possess a biblical worldview. Less than 3 percent of born-again teenagers have such a worldview."

Why does this happen? Good question. Just maybe this might be the answer: Fact Five: **Children's ministry has not been part of putting the puzzle together**. This mentality needs to be changed. Our children need to start living like Jesus. For a biblical view to come to practice, we must be willing to invest our time, talent, finances. In August, we plan to help you to put the tools in your hand to help build "Piece by Piece" the Kingdom. All the other facts (listed above) will have credence when we start with the foundation.

For more information about the Children's Seminar: www.nccem.net or contact Rev. Terry Whittenton at whit@nceye.net or call 910-892-8971.

Ranger of the Year 2006

On April 1, 2006, Royal Rangers from throughout the N.C. Conference participated in Ranger of the Year Awards in Falcon, N.C. The Royal Rangers are evaluated throughout the year and given points based upon their knowledge as well as their participation in events. The following Rangers are those who were recognized as exhibiting the character and traits of a model Royal Ranger. Justin Overby, Andrew Webb, and Darryl Mitchell will advance to Nationals. We are very proud of all of these young men!

Ranger Kids	Outpost Number	Score
Austin Boyd	65	Outstanding
Taylor Braswell	147	Outstanding
Linden Bridgers	46	Outstanding
David Ivey	69	Outstanding
Jordan Ray	147	Superior
Discovery Rangers	**Outpost Number**	**Score**
Austin Mitchell	46	Outstanding
Michael Hall	46	Outstanding
Brandon Jackson	69	Outstanding
Chad Mercer	9	Outstanding
Adventure Rangers	**Outpost Number**	**Score**
Justin Overby	147	Outstanding
Alan Pennington	46	Outstanding
Andrew Webb	9	Outstanding
Expedition Rangers	**Outpost Number**	**Score**
Darryl Mitchell	46	Outstanding

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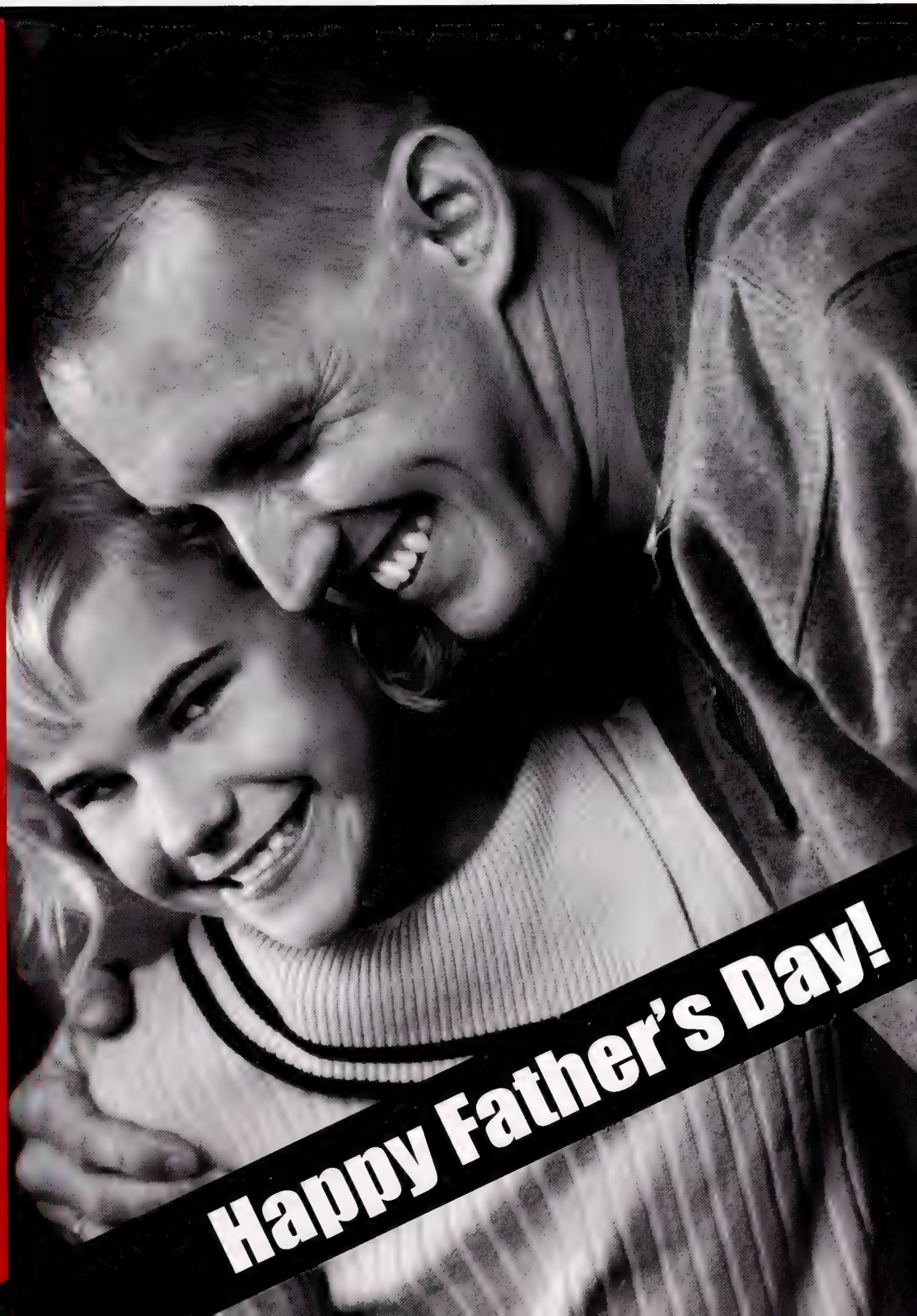
"Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching."

Proverbs 4:1,2 (NIV)



Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Annual Report – 2005

2005 was a year of great blessings. Our theme was "Yes, Lord!" We endeavored to walk in obedience to His wishes and plans.

It was a record year of church planting with a net increase of 11 new churches. Many churches experienced revivals. The stats following in this report show a good net increase of church membership even when many are adjusting the rolls for the first time in years. The conference went over $1 million in General tithe last year. We are the only conference ever to have done so. Praise the Lord! $1.6 million was given in World Missions. Nearly another $1 million was given in Katrina aid. A new auditorium was completed and dedicated.

It was a year of great blessing, but a year of great challenge. Thirteen of our ministerial family went to heaven. Thirty-two pastors were assigned to the established churches. Three of our churches closed. The allocation from the churches to the conference was cut as we move to a biblical tithe for General and conference support. May the Lord grant His grace and anointing during these challenging days.

As we move into the challenging days of 2006, we move with the knowledge that "He is our sufficiency." "Therefore" – our theme for 2006 – He will provide in all that He has asked us to do.

There are many challenges. Our communities are full of men and women lost without Christ. Churches need to be planted, English speaking and Spanish speaking. We need to reach out and enlist African-American churches and other ethnic groups. New ministers and laymen need to be trained. Discipleship must occur. Older saints and the youth must work in greater harmony together. The conference income must increase even in the midst of budget cuts. (We must move our churches to a biblical tithe). More income is needed for additional staff and to increase our retirement to the ever increasing number of retired clergy. Our Spanish-speaking churches must be trained and integrated into the conference program.

The newly opened J. A. Culbreth Auditorium must be paid for. The campus enlargement and renovations must be completed – restrooms behind the Octagon, new recreational field, new RV court, new Royal Rangers camp, etc. A new guesthouse (mini-dorm) is needed. This will be done primarily from the sale of the donated Sudie Butler land in Sampson County. Such a home will be named in honor of Miss Butler. It will sit in the vicinity of the old Thurman House location.

Yes, there is much to be done. Our new mentoring program needs to be expanded, and much more. We will get there because "He is our sufficiency."

2005 was a busy year. I preached, taught, or gave devotions 215 times. I drove over 34,000 miles in ministry. I flew out of the state eight times for General Executive Board meetings, Polity Committee meetings, General Conference, etc. It was my pleasure to serve as superintendent of this great conference. I have always represented the conference with a sense of pride. We have a great group of faithful and creative churches and ministers.

I could go on and on with personal stats, but the Lord knows. Each day was filled with new challenges, but with the knowledge that He was able. Allow me to mention some very special individuals.

It was a joy to work with Presiding Bishop James Leggett and his fine staff in Oklahoma City. Brother Leggett has led us well. In addition, it was a special privilege of mine to serve as vice chairman of the Falcon Children's Home Board and to work with Superintendent Elwood Long. He was a great blessing, even in the midst of losing his special companion, Sylvia Blaylock Long. We say "losing," but she is not lost. We know where she is!

I thank the Lord for Betty. She has been with me in ministry now for 32 years. She serves the conference well as Archives and Ministers' Wives Fellowship director. She led in the opening and dedication last year of the J. Doner and Louine Lee Archives Center. She is a woman of faith, hope, and excitement in the Lord. Well done, wife of my youth and mother of our three sons.

The conference and I are blessed with a fantastic group of office executives and staff. This Resource Development Center staff is awesome. Ms. Dolores Reynolds and Mrs. Kay Glover have served here well over 20 years. Mrs. Gina Page and Mr. Tommy Vaughan have been here now for a number of years. They are appreciated for their diligent labors. New people came to us last year: Mrs. Nicole Turransky, Miss Sarah Salter, Mrs. Melissa Mendieta Sanchez, and Reverend Mike Reynolds. These are already finding their places and doing a work for the kingdom. Mrs. Joyce Swinson retired last spring. Well done, Joyce. You served well.

Reverend Roland Harrell, Stewardship officer, supervised well all the conference funds last year. He increased the loan fund and managed it effectively. In addition, he supervised in detail the building of the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. Generations to come will praise the vision of the North Carolina Conference Board and the detailed sacrificial work of Roland Harrell in executing the plan. Well done!

Reverend Danny Nelson had a miraculous year in the Evangelism and World Missions Ministries. He has been creative and obedient to the Lord in planting churches, revitalizing churches, and motivating to greater World Missions support. In addition, Brother Nelson represented this conference well as a member of the World Missions Board. 2005 was a miraculous year in Evangelism and Missions. Well done, Danny!

Reverend Charles Boyd became a "master" last year, having completed his master of ministry degree at Southwestern Christian University. He has always been a master to the North Carolina Conference in the Church Education Ministries work. Our people are better trained, and more young people are on the way to heaven because of Charles. Well done, Charles!

Reverend Luis Avila had his first full year as a member of the Conference Executive staff. The number of Spanish-speaking churches increased to 50. A new training program was established, the INE. In addition, Luis ministered and taught in several other conferences and nationally to help establish other Spanish-speaking churches. He has proven to be a very able assistant to me to our Hispanic churches. Well done, Luis.

Allow me to speak a word of praise to the wives of the conference executives. These are special women of God. They have prayed, traveled, and ministered with their husbands. Thank you, and well done – Betty, Phyllis, Rose, Laura, and Lilliana. You are very special women of God.

I praise the Lord for all the boards of the conference. These men and women have sacrificed many hours and days to facilitate the work of the Lord and conference. They all are loved and appreciated.

Allow me to mention, with much love and appreciation, the various other department and ministry heads. Space just does not allow

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personal words on each. They all are fantastic leaders. I would to God each could be full-time. They have served well! Congratulations and well done to:

- Reverend Jimmy Whitfield, assistant superintendent and director, School of Ministry
- Patsy Deese, Women's Ministries
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- Lydia Figueroa, WIN Prayer Network
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I also would like to praise the Lord for Colonel Jack Kelly. Brother Jack Kelly retired at year's end as the National Men's Ministries director. Brother Kelly served well and made a difference. He has been a great blessing to me personally and to the men of the North Carolina Conference.

As the Lord leads, I continue to look forward to ministry within the North Carolina Conference. I thank the pastors and churches for their faithfulness and their personal support to my leadership.

Let us now review some of the statistics for 2005.

Four primary records are now being kept by the General Church Archives in Oklahoma City. These are number of churches, church a.m. attendance, church membership, and systematic Bible study (Sunday school) attendance. Here are the records for 2005.

	2005	2004	Difference
Number of Churches	209	198	11
Church Membership	27638	27222	416
Church A.M. Attendance	18851	18714	137
Systematic Bible Study Attendance	11756	12011	(255)

I praise the Lord for these increases. Our conference continues to move forward. May the Lord be praised for all those new churches.

Brother Charles Boyd and I believe the Systematic Bible Study decrease is due to inaccurate reporting. Many churches have changed from a traditional Sunday school to other ways of teaching the Bible. The reporting is not keeping up with the changes. Anyone who receives at least thirty minutes of instruction may be counted.

Withdrew and/or Transfer Out	Additions
Harry Fulmer	Sharon Wooten
Melanie Fulmer	Ray Faircloth, Jr.
Hafeez Bacchus	Miguel de la Cruz
Paul Loftin	Jay (Jesse) Weaver
Wayne Stanberry	Kevin Jackson
Thomas Holt	Doug Faulk
Salvatore Lana, Jr	Carmem Vieira
Gene Barnes	Hector Cordero
Miguel de la Cruz	David Mosher
Rick Taylor	Michael Blythe
David Whaley	Mitchell Johnson
William Hooper	Rodney Walker
Johnnie Elder	George Barfield, III
Daniel Beard	Victor Aranda Zavaleta
Dean Strickland	
Jonathan Lewis	
Allen Herridge	
Jim Shelton	
Frankie Elliott	
Bobby West	

The above statistics do not include any of the Local Church ministers. As these are not actual members of the conference, they are not included in the totals.

Licensed at Conference	Ordained at Conference
Mark Reynolds	Jerry Barbee
Tommy Taylor	Steven Jacobs
Kendall Davis	David Barnes
Matthew McAuley, Jr.	Jerry Nelson
Deborah Brisson	Angel Padilla
Brian Perry, Sr.	Chris Watkins
Michael Mobley	Charles Pitman
Karon Satterfield	Roger Jones
Jayne Lawing	David Eichacker
Mike Reynolds	Kathy Duszynski
Eduardo Gonzales	Jonathan Lewis
Maynor Garcia	Jay Thompson
Elizabeth Echevarria	Cindy Midyette
	Richard Bowie
	Wayne White
	Ed Norris
	Marc Swanner
	Miguelino Olivo
	Joe Francisco

Appendix to Conference Membership Register 2006

Withdrawals and/or Transfer Out:	Additions and/or Transfer In:
Johnnie P. West, Sr.	Robert Opdyke
Jonathan Dixon (to LCM)	Stacy Hilliard
Carl Meyer	Jerry Miller
John Horrell	Deborah Williams Riley
Bret Cooper	Chris Rooks
Michael Blythe	
Rick Hathaway	
Carlos Carrillo	
Jimmy Brafford	

This Appendix list membership changes occurring after December 31 to the date of the printing of the Minutes (April 1).

New Church Start-Ups:
Robbins Hispanic (CTM)
Lawrenceville, VA Hispanic (CTM)
New Covenant Hispanic
River of Revival Hispanic
Maranatha Hispanic (CTM)
Good News Hispanic (Princeton)
Journey (Plain View – Sampson County) (CTM)
Potter's Vessel
Wallace Hispanic (CTM)
Wilmington Gateway (CTM) Hispanic
Mount Olive Hispanic (CTM) (Mount Olive)
Wilmington Hispanic (CTM)
Lumberton Hispanic (CTM)

Closed Churches:
Damascus Road (Raeford)
El Calvario (Lumberton)
Faith (Greenville)

** Ministerial Credentials —	538
Ordained	311
Missionaries	14
Licensed	93
C.E. License	7
Music License	6
Local Church Minister	107
**Ministerial Assignments —	538
Full-Time Pastor	147
Part-Time Pastor	67
Full Time Associate	42
Part-Time Associate	24
Evangelist	8
Missionaries	14
Chaplains	5
Administrative Assignment	12
Not Currently Assigned	108
Retired	111

The number is actually higher, but several are pastored. We can put an individual in one category only.

** These break downs are as of December 31.

FALL DISTRICT VISION CASTING MEETINGS
2006

7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

August 31	Clinton District	Midway PH Church	Pastor Edwin Norris
September 5	New Bern District	Lowland PH Church	Pastor Terry Lewis
September 7	Williamston District	New Beginnings PH Church	Pastor Norman Smith
September 11	Lumberton District	Saint Paul's PH Church	Pastor Ray Faircloth
September 12	Wilson District	Stantonsburg PH Church	Pastor Patsy Jones
September 13	North Hispanic District	Location to be announced.	
September 14	Wilmington District	Homestead PH Church	Pastor Braxton Price
September 18	Rocky Mount District	Brentwood PH Church	Pastor Julian Thompson
September 19	Raleigh District	Selma PH Church	Pastor Charles Pitman
September 21	Morehead City District	Crystal Coast PH Church	Pastor Bobby Howard
September 25	Greenville District	Grimesland PH Church	Pastor Tim Pittman
September 26	Fayetteville District	Abiding in Him PH Church	Pastor Lydia Figueroa
September 27	South Hispanic District	Location to be announced.	
September 28	Goldsboro District	Thunderswamp PH Church	Pastor Steve Dixon

DISTRICT CHURCHES OF THE YEAR
FOR 2005

			Score
Wilson District	Lamm's Grove	Pastor Tony Hawley	139
Wilmington District	Wallace	Pastor Bobby Forehand	100
Williamston District	Bethany	Pastor Hill Teachey	118
Rocky Mount District	Liberty	Pastor Tony Smith	142
Raleigh District	Smithfield	Pastor Wayne White	142
Morehead City District	Smyrna	Pastor Jonathan Griffin	111
New Bern District	Goose Creek	Pastor Cindy Midyette	148
Greenville District	Grimesland	Pastor Tim Pittman	119
Goldsboro District	Whitley	Pastor Ferrell Hardison	255
Fayetteville District	Mount Carmel	Pastor Wiley Hughes	129
Lumberton District	Elizabethtown	Pastor Jerry Green	67
Clinton District	Saint Matthew	Pastor Ken White	220
North Hispanic District	Oasis de Esperanza	Pastor Abraham Rodriquez	
South Hispanic District	Neuva Jerusalem	Pastor Luis Manriques	

Conference Church of the Year
Whitley Church – Pastor Ferrell Hardison

1st Runner Up
Saint Matthew – Pastor Ken White

2nd Runner Up
Goose Creek – Pastor Cindy Midyette

Superannuated Birthdays – June/July

Rev. Horace Warwick ..... June 1
Rev. L. B. Collins ..... June 4
Rev. John Parker ..... June 5
Rev. John Slye ..... June 9
Rev. Haywood Price ..... June 11
Rev. Lester Jarrett ..... June 18
Rev. Ted Johnson ..... June 25
Rev. David Butts ..... June 27
Rev. Lalleon Narron ..... June 29
Rev. Marvin Whitfield ..... June 29
Rev. Mrs. Edna Parker ..... July 1
Rev. Sherrill Pope ..... July 4
Rev. Reuben Batchelor ..... July 6
Rev. M. R. Britton ..... July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall ..... July 19
Rev. Mrs. Betty Dowdy ..... July 21
Rev. Ezra Fann ..... July 21
Rev. Jesse Parson ..... July 27

Anna Belle Braxton Blalock

March 30, 1916 – April 4, 2006

It was my pleasure on Friday, April 7, 2006, to attend the funeral of a great Christian lady, Reverend Mrs. Anna Belle Blalock. The funeral was held at the Farmville Funeral Home and conducted by her two preacher sons, Jesse and Frank. It was a marvelous service for one marvelous lady.

Anna Belle Blalock was a local church minister of the North Carolina Conference (formerly called mission worker). She was saved at the age of 16, and loved and served her Lord with a passion. She pursued God in everything she did. She wanted more and more of His presence. She would play the guitar, sing, and preach at every opportunity.

She was a woman of perseverance. It was her joy to rear nine children with provision, patience, discipline, and love. She continued to lead her family after her husband, Johnnie, went to heaven in 1976. She and her husband were charter members of the Farmville Church.

She was a woman of prayer, who knew how to get in touch with the Lord. Many called on her to intercede on their behalf. She would do so with power and faith. Her commitment to prayer influenced her to give out many prayer aprons.

It was always her desire to have some of her children to preach. Frank began preaching at 11, and Jesse began when 12. She was the chauffeur for her two preacher boys. Drive she did, and preach they did. They still are men of God and excellent preachers of the Word. She was the example before them.

She was a woman of the *pneuma* (Spirit). She knew how to be obedient to the Spirit. My, how He used her to bless others!

She was a woman of provision, faithful to her church in giving. At one point, she gave $500 she had saved up for new furniture to Missions – all of it. She would provide cakes to the sick and bereaved. On one day, she cooked forty cakes. That must be a record, but she had the drive and energy for it.

She loved the Farmville Church and worshiped and ministered there for years. During the last 12 years, she attended the Tarboro Church, where her son Jesse pastored. She was known and loved by both churches.

Here is a lady who did all she could for her Lord for over 74 years as a Christian. Her legacy lives on! Only time and eternity will reveal her great influence to the kingdom and the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

–D. Chris Thompson

Ninety Years Young and Still Going Strong

Sunday, February 26, 2006, marked the 90th birthday of the oldest acting pastor in the North Carolina Conference. The Red Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church honored Rev. Tim B. Henry, pastor, on his 90th birthday with a surprise speaker for the morning worship service and a buffet dinner following. Before bringing the morning worship message to the church, special speaker Rev. Roland Harrell presented a very interesting reminiscence of Pastor Henry's life in the ministry. Pastor Henry was joined by his lovely wife, Mrs. Eva Henry; his son, C. T. Henry, and his wife, Tate; his daughter, Edith Edison, and her husband, Arlen; and several other visiting family members.

After some 40 years of active ministry in the conference, Brother Henry retired on October 1, 1989; however, never say "retire" to this man … he soon came out of retirement to assume the responsibilities of interim pastor at the Red Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church on January 24, 1998. In a little over two years, the church attained its debt-free status by paying off over $43,000.

Brother Henry has been serving the Red Springs church for eight years now, and he is still preaching God's Word.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Spirit-Empowered Preaching: Involving the Holy Spirit in Your Ministry

by Arturo G. Azurdia, III. Glasgow, Scotland: Christian Focus Publications. 192 pages.

One sad consequence of our times is the redefining of preaching and the role of the preacher. How should the church make progress in reaching people for Christ? Is Spirit-anointed preaching becoming outdated, supplanted by worldly gimmicks, carnal methods, and dazzling spectacles designed to tickle the fancy and keep them coming? Where does the event of preaching fit in the 21st-century church?

Few things attract like fire. The preacher "on fire" is not the answer because it is not hyper-oratory or acrobatic demonstrations that make a lasting, God-glorifying difference. These things contribute more often than not to carnal self-reliance and a love affair with the praise of men. The man is nothing. God is everything. The best of men or women are fallible instruments hobbled by human inability and sometimes, if true confession were made, weighted down by subtle pride and a desire to succeed. Preaching is not about the preacher because if the will of a man ever changes, it must change by the Holy Spirit, for the power to change rests not in the eloquence or learning of the preacher. No, it is not the preacher on fire so much as the relationship of the Spirit to the proclamation of God's truth that makes the difference. God's power, not man's wisdom, generates Bible faith. The work of the Holy Spirit in preaching is joined, therefore, to the Word of God. While the preacher may be the mouthpiece for God, the sacred anointing, the demonstration of the Spirit and power, makes the difference. People need to hear from God, not the preacher!

Often we have heard that you cannot judge a book by its cover. Allow the reviewer to add that you cannot judge a book by the name of the author either. The name Arturo Azurdia did not immediately strike me as someone I wanted to give my time and money towards in preparing for this review. One of the pleasant surprises of my life came as I read, studied, and sometimes reread the book to ensure I did not miss one word, including the endnotes! After reading the book, I wished I could start all over again and learn to preach the way this author exhorts preachers to herald the wonderful Word of God.

Azurdia expounds the truth about preaching as given in the Word of God. He painstakingly examines the pertinent Scriptures and allows the Word to speak for itself. I would love to meet the person who could read this book and not be convicted somewhere in his or her life in regards to preaching. He asks, "What kind of preaching is it that causes men and women to feel the overwhelming power of the sheer loveliness and enthrallment of Jesus Christ, that compels a person to love the Lord Jesus with all his heart and soul and mind and strength?" Throughout the book, he answers the question repeatedly that it is the vitality of the Spirit that infinitely exceeds the scope of human strength, a power that originates from heaven itself. Please do not mistake that "fiery" preachers are not needed in this day and time. Let us confess, however, that the "fiery," or Pentecostal, preacher does not change lives. The quickening power of the Holy Spirit makes the difference. When the Word of God is anointed by the Spirit in proclamation through a fallible instrument, miracles can happen!

The book consists of an introduction, 10 chapters, and a summary. The author's premise is that the aim of Christian preaching determines the means we employ. What kind of preaching does the Holy Spirit anoint? What brings about Christian faith? Azurdia declares, "If the Spirit of God is not inhabiting the praise of the people and the proclamation of the preacher, there is nothing left but bare walls. The preacher must be a man of relentless prayer. He must give himself indefatigably to the study of the Scriptures. He must recognize and even revel in his own obvious inabilities. He must realize that a polished manuscript does not transform." The Spirit's vitality makes the difference.

Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible and What He Wants to Do With You

by John MacArthur. Nashville: Nelson Publishers. 203 pages.

Without equivocation, Mary Magdalene did not marry Jesus, and, no, He did not have children. The current heretical and blasphemous lies about Jesus Christ are not surprising, but they do seem to be proliferating at a rapid rate these days from *The Da Vinci Code* to the *Gospel of Judas*. The Lord Jesus walking on ice may seem plausible to the natural mind; the only problem with it is that the Bible does not teach Jesus walked on ice. He walked on water. No purely natural and scientific explanation for a supernatural work exists.

In a day when the world is confused about the role of women and "feminism" is on the rise, clarification of God's order and priority regarding women is desperately needed. While some societies promote the marginalization and even abuse of women, others seem to violate the created norm for women as intended by God.

Cursorily read the Bible, and you will discover a vital role that women have played throughout Bible history, from Eve to Rebecca, Ruth, and Hannah, Mary the mother of Jesus, Martha, and, yes, Mary Magdalene. The Bible teaches that women bear the stamp of God's image. From the beginning, Jesus came to restore the personal equality and dignity of women among men. Some of the most loyal and committed followers of Jesus Christ have been and are women of the precious faith. It will require eternity to reveal the magnitude of the importance of women of faith since Eve, the mother of all living.

For the purpose of revealing God's ideal for a woman, MacArthur chose 12 prominent women of the Bible, including (1) Eve, (2) Sarah, (3) Rahab, (4) Ruth, (5) Hannah, (6) Mary, the mother of Jesus, (7) Anna, (8) the Samaritan woman, (9) Martha, (10) Mary, sister of Lazarus, (11) Mary Magdalene, and (12) Lydia. How does God shape the lives of women of faith, even those of unlikely backgrounds? "Mary, the mother of Jesus, never claimed to be anything more than a humble handmaiden of the Lord. She was extraordinary because God used her in an extraordinary way." God shapes the lives of women of faith by conversion and by giving gifts, developing their character, and sovereign governing of their lives for greatness. Each woman left a legacy of faith and godliness for the glory of God. He desires to use all women who will give themselves to Him.

This publication is perfect for small-group use or individual study for personal enrichment.

Healing Is a Choice: Decisions That Will Transform Your Life and Ten Lies That Can Prevent You From Making Them

by Stephen Arterburn. Nashville: Nelson Books, a Division of Thomas Nelson Publishers. 226 pages.

Arterburn, the coauthor of *Every Man's Battle*, is the founder and chairman of New Life Clinics, the largest provider of Christian counseling and treatment throughout the United States and Canada. He is the creator of the Women of Faith Conferences attended by over 3 million people and the best-selling author of more than 60 books published in 15 languages.

Though lightly sprinkled with Scriptural references, the book is easy to read and very practical, supported by many examples of people who needed physical, spiritual, emotional, mental, or marital healing, including himself, a divorcé. The publication presents 11 chapters that address 10 lies that hinder our spiritual development. The ten lies are (1) All I need to heal is just God and me; (2) Real Christians should have a real peace in all circumstances; (3) It does no good to look back or look inside; (4) Time heals all wounds; (5) I can figure this out myself; (6) If I just act as if there is no problem, it will finally go away; (7) Forgiveness is only for those who deserve it or earn it; (8) I must protect myself from any more pain; (9) Until I am completely healed and strong, there is no place for me to serve God; and (10) There is no hope for me.

The author offers much support for people who are suffering. The book is full of encouragement and hope. Many statements are presented that are worth remembering, and sharing with others. One of my favorites is, "We must never shame a person who does not or cannot instantly feel the joy that awaits him or her on the other side of pain and agony." Arterburn rightly advocates that sometimes our choices hinder God, who is the Healer, from healing our lives. Making right choices can transform your life. Truly, God wants to leave no man or woman behind! He will make the best out of the worst if we will trust in Him to do so. Happy Reading!

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

(Matt. 6:33)

Dear Women of God,

Are we too busy for God? Have the cares and commitments of this world got you so busy there's no time to pray or to seek God through His Word? I know there are days when I feel like an elastic band ready to "pop" because of so much too do. But I also know as women of God and servants of the Most High, we need to be careful, As 1 Peter 5:8 says, *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."* During these hectic times, the devil will have a field day if we're not careful!

Several years ago, when I was working with the youth in our church, we would meet at the church on Monday mornings at 7:15 a.m. to have prayer and a light breakfast before they went to high school. We wanted them to have a good start to their week. On one of these occasions, one of the young fellows decided to sleep in rather than come to our prayer breakfast. At the end of the week he called me and apologized for not coming; he confessed it was the worst week he had ever had. Needless to say, during that school year, he did not miss another Monday morning prayer breakfast.

Pray for wisdom about the way you spend your time. Although it's not unusual to feel rushed and as if there is never enough time, God has given each of us 24 hours a day. We just need to choose to spend the time wisely. Make sure that spending time with God is your first priority.

May you be blessed as you seek His Word for wisdom and direction. Remember, *"Together we can make a difference!"*

In His Love,
Mrs. Patsy

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- Paper shredder getting dull? Fold a piece of aluminum foil to about 8½ x 11 inches and run it through the machine. Do it again, and it will be even sharper.
- Take the sting out of a paper cut. If you get a paper cut, dab a pencil eraser-size drop of nontoxic glue suitable for children, such as Elmer's, on the area. Once dry, the glue creates a hygienic barrier to seal out air, dull the pain, and allow the wound to heal.
- Clogged showerhead? Unscrew it and scrub with an old toothbrush. Poke a toothpick through the holes to clear them. Soak the plastic parts in a solution of 2 teaspoons white vinegar to 1 cup warm water to remove remaining mineral deposits.
- Two glasses stuck together? Fill the top glass with cold water and submerge the bottom glass in hot water. Gently pull the top glass away.

Spring Forward With New Beginnings

NC Girls' Ministries Team

This was the theme for the Missionettes Leadership Training held in Falcon the weekend of Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, 2006. Approximately 65 women gathered for first-time certification or continuing education to lead young girls in the Missionettes program.

Nicole Turransky led the Praise and Worship. The special speaker for Friday evening was Rev. Patsy Vaughan, pastor of the Vanceboro P.H. Church. Using scripture from Proverbs 24:17-18, she shared with us that "you can't be all you can be for God until you fall. It's worth the risk! Champions don't give up; champions get up! A failure may delay us, but it doesn't mean we'll never get there."

We would like to thank all the facilitators who were able to share their time and talents for this training: Rainbows, Noelle Woods; Daisies, Amy Place; Prims, Rita Davis; Stars, Joan Robinson; Friends, Melody Blackmon; and Girls Only, Myra Britt. Thank you to Cholly Farrow, Lynn Bowie, Rev. Janice Marshburn, Rose Boyd, and Rev. Terry Whittenton. Everyone did an outstanding job. Classrooms were set up all around the new Tabernacle, and the girls came up with unique ideas for displaying material without taping it to the walls.

We are proud of our Girls' Ministries Team: Bobbi McNeese, Nancy Roberson, Mary Clark, and Media Lee. Thank you for a job well done!

Lady Ministers' Training

April 21-22, 2006
"Bearers of the Ark"

As lady ministers, it is our duty to represent God's presence and preserve His testimony and witness.

by Rev. Wilda Faircloth

The Lady Ministers' Advisory Council members launched the annual Lady Ministers' training with a wonderful time of prayer on Friday afternoon, April 21, 2006.

What an awesome event it was! The advisory council members are happy to report a reaction by the ladies that is second to none. As I write this article, we have already received the following responses from some attendees: "It was life changing"; "It was a divine appointment"; "My heart was melted by the Spirit of God"; "I don't think I will ever be the same"; and "I was truly blessed!"

The praise and worship was led by Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Perez on Friday evening. I did not understand the Spanish language as about 60 of our Hispanic lady ministers began to sing praises to Him, but very soon, I completely understood the presence of the Holy Spirit as we together worshiped Him!

Reverend Marivel Reyes, senior pastor of El Shaddai Pentecostal Holiness Church in Austin, Texas, was the training facilitator. Rev. Reyes led us though Exodus 33:12-23 as she outlined Friday night's message with (1) the manifestation of His presence; (2) the direction of His presence as He shows us the path to follow; (3) the promise of His presence; (4) the rest of His presence, which produces peace and joy; (5) the dependency on His presence, which guarantees victory; and (6) the revelation of His presence, which reveals His goodness, proclaims His name, and manifests His name. She encouraged us to pray the peace of God over our lives every day. The altar time was filled with weeping ministers, hungry for the manifestation of His presence. As we retired for the evening, many lives and hearts had been changed and refreshed.

Saturday morning began with a continental breakfast as the English-speaking lady ministers registered and many Hispanic ladies returned for the day, recording an attendance of approximately 60. As praise and worship was led by our own Rev. Rose Boyd, with music provided by Ms. Judy Burlingame of Supply, N.C., I completely understood the language as well as the presence of the Holy Spirit setting the stage for Rev. Reyes to bring yet another powerful message. As she outlined Exodus 28, she taught us about (1) a prophetic calling being personal, specific, and with a purpose; (2) a divine provision of the garments for the Leviticus priesthood, the type of garments they were, how they were elaborated, and when they should be worn; and (3) an eternal confirmation of the anointing being a perpetual priesthood, God's presence confirming everything being carried out according to the divine order, and a complete confirmation of knowing His testimony, practicing His authority and manifesting His attributes, as she emphasized that the Holy Spirit will do the things we cannot do.

The next thing on our agenda was a workshop facilitated by Rev. Patsy Vaughan entitled "From Competing to Contentment." As she taught from Philippians 4:11 and Galatians 5:26, we were encouraged to realize that "God does not want you to be someone else. He wants you to be the best you that you can be. Discern who you are in Christ. Start living in your anointing!" It is important to realize that competition will render you ineffective in the kingdom of God, and everyone in the kingdom of God is on the same team!

A light lunch was enjoyed by all, and a second workshop was facilitated by Rev. Lydia Figueroa, entitled "Knowing Your Calling." She emphasized that fulfilling your call is a lifetime experience with God, even though the human body and soul may sometimes resist the call. Our calling began at salvation, and the hunger and passion we have for God identifies our calling. We need to learn to live from the inside out, the spirit man ruling the body and soul, led by the Spirit. In order to be led by the Spirit, we must live by faith, trust, obedience, relationship, and fellowship. It's all in you; it has to come through you!

The final training session was no disappointment from Rev. Reyes as she taught from 1 Chronicles, Exodus, Joshua, and 1 Samuel on a new priesthood. She outlined these verses with (1) we are to represent His presence with holiness as He looks for vessels of honor; (2) we are to preserve His commandments; and (3) we are witnesses of His glory with protection, direction, redemption, victory over our enemies, judgment against our enemies, and the revelation of Himself to us.

As Rev. Reyes prayed for individuals, the Holy Spirit once again began to perform individual ministry to them as well.

In this article, I can only give you an overview, but I have yet to express the impact of the presence of "The Ark of the Covenant."

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Rev. Wilda Faircloth
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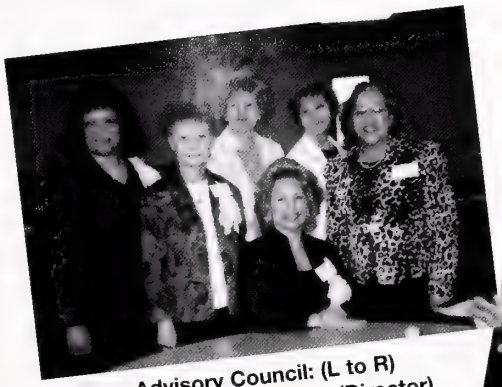
We, the Lady Ministers' Advisory Council members, are available to encourage, support, and pray for the needs of other lady ministers.



Lady Ministers Advisory Council: (L to R) Wilda Faircloth, Janice Marshburn (Director), Marivel Reyes (Guest Speaker), Patsy Vaughan, Louise Thompson, Lydia Figueroa Not pictured: Rose Boyd, Pauline Knowles

Rev. Marivel Reyes Guest Speaker

Rose Boyd leading praise and worship

Marivel Reyes (Guest Speaker) and Janice Marshburn (Director of Lady Ministers)

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"Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a convenant with me by sacrifice." Psalm 50:5

Precious

About a year ago, during one of the Happy Hearts meetings, I was asked to speak for W.M. Day for this year at one of our churches. I agreed to speak and proceeded to pray about what scriptures to use. Time went by, and many things busied my mind.

In October, Chris and I were in a service, and when the scripture was read, I knew this was the scripture I was to use for the W.M. Day service. 1 Peter 2:3-7 talks about Jesus' being "a precious cornerstone." I knew this was to be my topic and scripture because of an illustration the Lord had given me a few years before.

Most of the time, when you think of the word precious, you think of a baby or a little puppy or kitten. The word precious, according to Webster's Dictionary, means highly esteemed or loved; of great price or worth; cherished; valuable, as a jewel; costly.

In 1 Peter 2:3-7, Jesus is described as being "precious" three different times. I believe the writer was trying to impress a point upon our hearts about how valuable our relationship with the Lord should be. Also, in our relationship to the Lord, we do love Him and feel just how "precious" He is to us, just like the scripture in the New Testament that says, "Did not our hearts burn within us?"

One day, I was out picking blueberries for a cobbler, and the bushes were full of beautiful, big, ripe blueberries. I held the bucket up to the branch with one hand and put the other hand under the cluster of berries and just gave a little tug, and they all came off right in my hand. After I did this a few times, all of a sudden, one of the big, perfect berries would roll out of my hand and fall to the ground. I found myself feeling a loss and saying, "Oh, no," immediately stooping down to pick up the bruised berry and put it in the bucket with the others. I thought about how the bushes were completely full of big, beautiful, ripe berries and wondered why I should feel that way about the ones that fell to the ground. But God reminded me that it is this way with people. We are "precious," and He cares about every one of us, no matter what we've been through or what we have done. We may fall to the ground many times in this life with all our failures and wrongdoings, but we are precious to Him!

I hope you can grasp the reality of this simple little illustration and remember the word precious as your word from the Lord. May God bless and encourage you each day.

Ministers' Wives Meeting During Camp Meeting 2006

The Ministers' Wives meeting for camp meeting will be on Friday, August 11, 2006, this year. We hope to alternate the meetings each year to make it easier for each of you to attend the meeting.

Our speaker this year is Mrs. Anne Williams, wife of Rev. Bobby Williams, pastor of the Kinston First Church. Anne and Bobby had a devastating fire two days after Christmas and have gone through all kinds of hardships since then in dealing with insurance companies, etc. But God is faithful! He has proven Himself them many times in the last few months, and they have a testimony of God's love and mercy.

This year we will have our meeting at the Cypress House on 301 South. We will send out a map later with all the details. It is located at Rhodes Pond, if you know anything about the area. It is a beautiful location. Prepare now to come. I know you will be blessed! May God bless you in the coming weeks as you work for Him.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Our Heritage

The people of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church have a tremendous heritage. Even though I married a North Carolina young man and was not born here, I realize the great effect this conference has made on our entire church. Even from the first time I came to Falcon, the Lord dealt with me about certain things that needed to be done to know who our forefathers were.

There was a stone laid at the base of a tree with the name of Rev. Raymond Pope on it. Not being from this conference, I had no idea who Raymond Pope was. As years passed and Chris was elected Evangelism director, I became more aware of the history of this great little village and the many people who gave their lives to make our church what it is today. Rev. Raymond Pope was one of those people, and we thank the Lord for him and all he did for his Lord and this conference.

When Brother Long was superintendent, he appointed Chris as the new Archives director because of the need to gather all the photos and records of our great history. Chris was able to accomplish a lot of things along with his other responsibilities, such as encouraging churches to have a church historian, write a church history, collect and protect their church records, and of course, share with the conference Archives. Chris also collected and filed a complete set of the N.C. Conference Minutes and N.C. Conference Evangels. We are missing a few because of damaged copies, etc.

As Chris became superintendent, he and the conference board decided to hire someone part-time to keep things going. As the Lord would have it, I was asked to be Archives director in April 2002. I said all that to say this: I know God prepared me for this job, and I am humbled to think He would have me here "for such a time as this."

I pass this responsibility on to you because we are His servants in this generation. Just as we want to be remembered for what we have done on this earth, we need to preserve the memory of those who have gone before us. Our predecessors suffered persecution in many ways just for wanting all of God in His fullness. They were stoned, heckled, and shot at, and their families were also persecuted for knowing them.

The Azusa Street Revival came out of the Victorian Era, when everyone had to have the fanciest house or nicest new car and clothes with the most ruffles or hats with feathers or outlandish designs. That description sounds a lot like today, doesn't it? There was a segment of people who were truly hungry for more of God and were willing to give up anything to be more of what God would want them to be. People were known to give up such things as ties, jewelry, or any other kind of ornamentation. There were, of course, a lot of other things they gave up, such as Coca Colas. Coca Colas were made from cocaine, and they were trying to flee from any appearance of evil. Would that we had such a hunger! Why not seek Him today for what He has for you?

Think of your life and all the people who have influenced you. I treasure the memory of those people who have helped make me who I am. Also, by writing down the stories of these people, we are showing God's faithfulness, love, and grace to each of us and, therefore, give a witness to those who come after us. We praise our Lord by giving witness of His blessings in the past. Let's strive to show His witness in any way possible.

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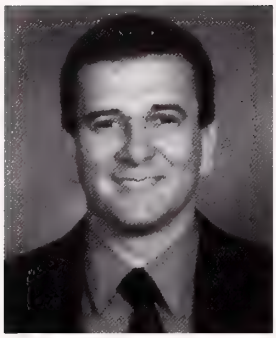
Thank you to each of these who have contributed to the Archives recently.

We still need volunteers!



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

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Formando Ministerios en la Iglesia Local Parte II

En el artículo anterior de la revista *Evangel*, empecé a compartir este tema. En esta ocasión deseo comenzar diciendo que la iglesia local no debe permanecer estancada; debe crecer y avanzar, expresando sus funciones de una iglesia sanadora y restauradora, lo cual también puede realizar por medio de varios ministerios dirigidos por personas que tienen los dones y la pasión por ayudar en áreas específicas, que al ser ministradas apropiadamente, edifican y promueven la vida de muchas personas.

Lucas 4:18-19 nos da la descripción de trabajo del Señor Jesús. Funciones de *proclamador*, *sanador* y *libertador*, que se expresan en esta magna declaración:

> *"El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, Por cuanto me ha ungido para dar buenas nuevas a los pobres; Me ha enviado a sanar a los quebrantados de corazón; A pregonar libertad a los cautivos, Y vista a los ciegos; A poner en libertad a los oprimidos; A predicar el año agradable del Señor."*

El Señor Jesús trasladó a la iglesia la habilidad de hacer Sus obras bajo la unción y poder del Espíritu Santo, cuando dijo: "...Las obras que yo hago él las hará también..." **Juan 14:12**, refiriéndose al creyente. La iglesia local debe proponerse la meta de buscar, identificar y utilizar oportunidades para ministrarse a sí misma para su propia edificación y estar preparada para ministrar a su comunidad. Varios diferentes ministerios integrados por las personas correctas, ayudan a lograr esta meta.

Se trata de la formación de ministerios, sobre la base de mucha oración, evaluación, observación, estudio y análisis, que nos asegurarán el éxito del trabajo y la realización de las metas propuestas. Esto fue lo que sucedió en **Hechos 6:1-7**, el cual es nuestro pasaje base de estudio en el tema de formar ministerios en la iglesia local.

A manera de reflexión llamo su atención al hecho *de no poder ver*, por cualquier razón que sea, una situación en particular que requiere cambios. La tradición que se expresa en "siempre lo hemos hecho así" y nunca lo hemos hecho de esa manera" son actitudes y mentalidades cerradas que impiden formar ministerios nuevos que podrían ser de mucha bendición en la iglesia.

Anteriormente mencionamos el aspecto de la ocasión para crear un ministerio. Como leímos en **Hechos 6:1**, el cual dice "el número de los discípulos crecía." En el orden en que estoy mencionando las cosas, el segundo aspecto que deseo mencionar es la necesidad de hacer algo. Aquí deseo prestar atención a las palabras "murmuración" y "las viudas de aquellos (los griegos) eran desatendidas."

No deseo ser demasiado detallista, pero si reflexivo, al usar y sacar del texto las expresiones y palabras que expresan una situación en la que al formar un equipo de trabajo, se hizo la distribución de la comida en forma correcta entre las viudas de los griegos y hebreos. *Murmurar* según el significado griego es "un debate secreto entre algunos" "de desagrado o quejas (mas bien en privado que en público). Murmurar es como un sonido, el sonido de una situación que requiere corrección. Necesitamos afinar nuestros oidos para escuchar los diferentes sonidos que surgen en nuestro medio. Es cierto que no debemos dejarnos influir y cambiar de dirección cada vez, por cualquier queja o necesidad que se presente, pero si lo suficientemente sensibles para responder a esos sonidos de necesidades no cubiertas y actuar con sabiduría para proponer una solución, la cual puede venir al crear un ministerio que va a servir para corregir el defecto al mismo tiempo que ministramos una necesidad.

El otro término que deseo enfocar es "desatendidas" en referencia a que las viudas de los griegos no recibían la atención debida. La palabra griega es *paratheoreo* que es primariamente, examinar lado a lado, comparar, de ahí el termino pasar por alto, descuidar. No se por cuanto tiempo estuvieron pasando por alto las necesidades de las viudas griegas, pero había un problema "estuvieron descuidándolas". Comprendo que ante la iglesia tenemos un gran reto de presentar una solución para cada necesidad que se presente; sin embargo al crear ministerios que puedan servir para corregir lo que se esta haciendo mal, al mismo tiempo que llena una necesidad, es una manera de solucionar la situación. Por lo tanto le animo a escribir una lista de necesidades y áreas, ponerlas en orden y formar equipos de trabajo para que con el uso de ministerios, podamos ministrar a la gente.

Cada ministerio debe establecer la meta principal de glorificar a Dios, revelar el conocimiento del Señor y ser instrumentos en la formación del caracter de Cristo en las personas, y no solamente cubrir necesidades mediante una serie de actividades.

Como iglesia, que es lo que influye para que desatendamos áreas de necesidad y no estemos formando ministerios para ministrar esas necesidades:

1. La falta de revisar cada cierto tiempo, lo que estamos haciendo.
2. Mentalidad cerrada a lo nuevo, debido a que estamos acostumbrados tradicionalmente a hacer las cosas de cierta manera.
3. Falta de metas concretas, no saber exactamente lo que queremos.
4. No entendemos o no hemos captado la visión de Dios para esa iglesia en particular.
5. Falta de un plan de trabajo y una estrategia clara.
6. La falta de definir el perfil de la iglesia.
7. No hay desarrollo y promoción de liderazgo para asumir responsabilidades ministeriales en la iglesia.
8. Pastores o líderes centrados en sí mismos, que no comparten la tarea y el trabajo de la iglesia con otras personas. "Quieren hacerlo todo"

9. No estimulan o valoran las ideas o inquietudes de la gente cuando plantean necesidades. No hay interés en lo que la gente pueda aportar.

Me gustaría seguir con el tema, pero no tengo más espacio, solamente deseo agregar que Dios está en el negocio de ministrar a las necesidades de la gente, por medio de su propia gente.

Forming Ministries in the Local Church Part II

In the previous issue of *Evangel*, I began to share this topic. On this occasion, I want to begin by saying the local church should not remain stagnant; the church should grow and advance, expressing its functions as an healing and restoring church, which it could also carry out by means of several ministries directed by people who have the gifts and passion to help in specific areas, and ministered by the right people to build and promote the lives of many people.

Luke 4:18-19 gives us the job description of the Lord Jesus: the functions of *proclaimer*, *healer*, and *liberator* are expressed in a great manner:

> *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me To preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the Brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty Those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."*

The Lord Jesus transferred the ability to do His works to the church, under the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit, when He said, "...He who believes in me, the works that I do he will do also..." in **John 14: 12**, referring to the believer. The local church should set the goal to look for, identify, and use opportunities to minister within itself for the members' own edification and to minister to the community. Several ministries integrated by the correct people will help to achieve this goal.

The formation of ministries is based on much prayer, evaluation, observation, study, and analysis that will assure the success of the work and the realization of the goals set by the church. This happened in **Acts 6:1-7**, which is our passage for this study on the topic of forming ministries in the local church.

By way of reflection, I call your attention to the matter of being unable to see, for any reason, that something requires change. The tradition expressed in "we have always done it this way" and we "have never done it that way" is one of attitudes and closed minds that prevent the forming of new ministries that could be of much blessing in the church.

Previously we mentioned one aspect of the occasion for creating a ministry. As we read in **Acts 6:1**, "...when the number of the disciples was multiplying" – the order in which I am mentioning these things. The second aspect I want to share is the need to do something. Here I want to call your attention to the words "complaint" and "their [the Hellenists'] widows were neglected."

I don't want to be too much a lover of detail, but more reflective, in using and taking out of the text the expressions and words that express a situation in which forming a working team was the correct way to distribute food between the widows of the Greeks and Hebrews. *Murmuring*, according to the Greek meaning, is "a secret debate between some," discontent, or complaints (rather in private than in public). *Murmur* is like a sound, the sound of a situation that requires correction. We need to tune our hearing in order to listen to the different sounds that arise in our midst. True, we should not let ourselves be influenced or our direction changed every time by any complaint or need that arises, but we have to be sensitive enough to respond to those sounds of needs not covered, and act with wisdom in order to propose a solution that could come upon creating a ministry that will serve to correct the defect at the same time as minister to the people.

The other term on which I want to focus is "neglected" in reference to those widows of the Greeks who didn't receive due attention. The Greek word is *paratheoreo*, that is, primarily, examine side to side, compare; by this it means ends up forgotten, neglected. I don't know how long they were ignoring the needs of the Greek widows, but there was a problem: "they were neglecting them." I understand that we in the church have a great challenge to present a solution for each need that arises; however, creating ministries that could be used to correct what it is wrong and at the same time fill a need is a way to solve the situation. Therefore, I encourage you to write a list of needs and areas, put them in order, and form working teams so they will minister to the people.

Each ministry should establish the main goal of glorifying God, revealing the knowledge of the Lord, and being instruments in the formation of the character of Christ in people, and not only covering needs by means of many activities.

As a church, what restrains us from ministering to the needs of many people and forming ministries in the local church?

1. The lack of evaluation, time to time, of what we are doing.
2. Closed mentality to the new because we are accustomed to a tradition of doing things a certain way.
3. Lacking specific goals, not knowing exactly what we want.
4. We don't understand or we have not captured the vision of God for that church in particular.
5. Lacking a plan of work and a clear strategy.
6. The lack of defining the profile of the church.
7. No development and promotion of leadership in order to take ministerial responsibilities in the church.
8. Pastors or leaders centered in themselves, so they don't share the tasks and work of the church with other people. They want to "do all things."
9. They don't stimulate or are not valuing the ideas of the people when they expound needs. There is no interest in what the people could contribute.

I would like to continue with the topic, but I don't have more space; I only want to add that God is in the business of ministering to the needs of people by means of their own people.

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Ministries or Fellowship

A few years ago, the men's groups in our churches were called fellowships. They started out as small groups; sometimes there would only be two or three. Their main function was to get together occasionally on a Saturday, usually with the pastor, and work on or around the church. Later on, as the group got larger, they began to get together once a month to share a meal. Church maintenance and perhaps a yearly fund-raiser were the fellowship's agenda. We thank God for these early pioneers, for they gave the church a foundation to build on.

In the late '90s, the name was changed from Men's Fellowship to Men's Ministries. The name change called for an end to the meet-and-eat syndrome. It called for pastors to release laymen to ministry. It called for men to be more than repairmen and fund-raisers. It gave them golden opportunities to become ministers in and through the local church. How did existing fellowships react to the name change and the new call to ministry? Many churches, led by their pastors, embraced the new concept and are now doing greater things for the church and the Lord.

Sad to say, however, there are still many churches that accepted the name but still function as a fellowship and not a ministry. A few days ago in a conversation concerning Men's Ministries, the question was asked, "How is your Men's Ministries doing?"

The reply was, "We don't have a ministry; we have a fellowship; we just meet and eat." When I heard this, it touched my heart and inspired me to write this article. In today's world, with so many professed Christian marriages ending in divorce, so many Christian men hurting and struggling in so many areas of their lives, we cannot afford to continue on as mere fellowships. We must identify those who are hurting and find a way to help them. We must also reach as many as possible for Christ before it is eternally too late. Men's Ministries has many avenues to accomplish these goals.

One of the most important segments of Men's Ministries is Pastor's Prayer Partners: men getting together with their pastor to lift him up in prayer. Sunday morning, an hour or so prior to service, is a great time for this ministry. Friendship Evangelism is an outreach program that trains men how to lead an individual to Christ. Disaster relief and Men of Action go hand in hand, helping others in time of crisis. Supply people with basic needs in an emergency situation; then share Christ and His love with them.

The Royals Rangers mission statement is "reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ." A recent survey by the Barna Research Group says the probability of accepting Christ is as follows: ages 5 to 13, 32%; ages 14 to 18, 4%; ages 19 to death, 6%. Men, we must grow this program. If we don't, there will be no church for our grandchildren. Intentionally Making Disciples is a new ministry that calls for making not only converts, but also disciples for Christ. There are many more ministry opportunities not mentioned in this article. Every church should have an active Men's Ministries.

I challenge every pastor, for you are the key to Men's Ministries in the local church, and I challenge every able-bodied man in the IPHC to be a minister in Men's Ministries. Do not allow your men's group to be just a meet-and-eat fellowship. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was the first men's ministries director as He led and mentored the Twelve.

I pray that all the men in the IPHC and men everywhere would have a desire to be more like Him.

If you need help or have questions concerning Men's Ministries, please call the numbers listed below:

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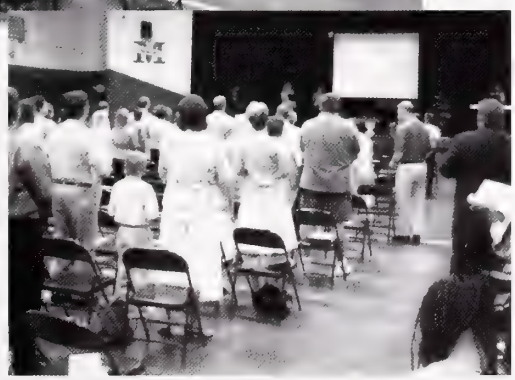
"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

The Journey Pentecostal Holiness Church

Andy and Terri Shaffer

There is something very exciting about the experience of childbirth. Likewise, there is great excitement over the birth of a new church. On Easter Sunday, the Clinton PH Church, pastored by Gary Strickland, gave birth to "The Journey" at Midway High School in Sampson County, N.C. The celebration service began at 10:30 a.m. with contemporary, upbeat music. In addition, there was casual dress, a hospitality area, exciting children's activities, and a loving nursery. It was a relaxed, non-threatening environment where people felt at home. One hundred eighty-nine attended this inaugural service.

After a time of praise and worship, Pastor Andy Shaffer shared with the church his testimony and the vision that God had placed in his heart. He said, "Church planting has been in my heart for years, but I had to learn to wait on God and His perfect timing. This church plant is not about me – it's about my family's ministry – it's a 'God thing.' In order to plant this church, I knew that my family had to be fully supportive, because next to God, they're the most important priority in my life."



The first of many confirmations about the church plant came in the fall of 2004 when Andy's wife, Terri, shared with him a journal that she had been keeping for close to six months. She had been recording ideas as God had placed them in her spirit. It was like putting together a puzzle – one piece at a time. After reading the journal, Andy knew that the timing was right. He had been praying for years that the confirmation would come through his wife, and it finally came to pass. The following spring, 2005, Andy and Terri attended the IPHC Church Planting School in Atlanta, Georgia. Several months later, they made a formal announcement to the mother church in Clinton. Pastor Gary Strickland was very supportive and encouraging throughout the whole process.

So what is the vision that God has given to Pastor Andy? The mission statement for the church is "equipping people for the journey of life." The idea behind this is to strengthen the family by equipping men, women, and children in fulfilling their biblical roles in society, and to disciple all believers. The family is the most basic unit in society – as the family goes, so goes society. And, very frankly, society is in the mess it is in because the family is in a mess. And God says that for society to get better, the family must get better. The mission and passion that Andy and Terri have is to transform families and strengthen the family unit one at a time. In doing this, there will be a transformation of society and this region for the glory of God.

The Journey is about more than strengthening the family, though. The rest of the vision is about fulfilling the Great Commission of making disciples. "There are so many people in this area who are Christians by name only, and they have no relationship with Jesus Christ," Shaffer says. "Our desire is to move people beyond a 'head knowledge' of who Christ is to a 'heart relationship' with the Savior."

The process of strengthening the family and making disciples will take time, hence the name, The Journey. "The goal of our spiritual journey is to become like Christ, and we want to help people keep their focus on Him and draw close to Him," Shaffer says.

As further testimony to God's guidance and The Journey's influential outreach, the first four Sundays have been extremely well-attended – 4/16,189; 4/23, 135; 4/30, 144; and 5/7, 136. Praise God!

As founders of The Journey, we cannot express enough thanks to Pastor Gary Strickland and the Clinton Church and to Danny Nelson and the N.C. Conference for their support of this vision. We are especially appreciative of the wonderful team that God has given us to fulfill this dream – we call them our "Dream Team." We could not possibly carry out God's plan without their dedication and hard work. God will truly bless their efforts and the work of The Journey. The Journey will be successful because the Lord says, "For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

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Measure Your Life By Your...

Love
God is Love – 1 John 4:8
God wants us to love Him – Acts 13:22
Love other Christians – 1 John 4:7-8, 11, 12
Love the unsaved – Luke 13:34; Roman 9:1-3

Communion
Communion in prayer, praise, and worship – Luke 10:38-42; Psalm 95:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Intercession
Spiritual watchmen – Isaiah 62:6, 7
A weeping heart – Psalms 42:3-4; 56:8; 119:136; Hebrews 5:7
Touching heaven – Acts 10:4, 30, 31; Daniel 8:15-18; 9:20-23; 10:10-14, 18, 19
Powerful, effective burden-bearing prayers – Revelation 5:7; 8:1-5; Romans 8:26; Matthew 9:15; James 5:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Joy
Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22; Psalm 45:7
God wants us to have strength – Nehemiah 8:10
God wants us to shine – Matthew 5:16
Filled with the Holy Spirit – Romans 14:17
Singing to Christ – Ephesians 5:18b, 19

Faith
Amazing Grace – Ephesians 2:8
Access to God – Romans 5:1, 2
God wants us to be purified – Acts 15:9
God wants us sanctified – Acts 26:18
We live by faith – Galatians 3:17
Approach God with freedom – Ephesians 3:12
We receive God's promises – Hebrews 6:12
We understand God's power, working and will – Hebrews 11:3
Spiritual exploits are accomplished – Hebrews 11:32-39
God wants us to have faith in Him – Mark 11:22
God wants us to increase in faith – Luke 17:5
Faith in obedience – Romans 1:5
Faith as protection and a breastplate – Ephesians 6:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:8
God wants our trust – Romans 8:28; Job 13:15; Matthew 28:20

Humility
God wants us to be humble – James 4:10; 2 Corinthians 10:1
Feeling unworthy before God – Luke 17:10; Matthew 18:23-27
God wants us to depend on Him – John 15:5; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Philippians 1:21; 2 Corinthians 3:5, 6
God tests us through humbleness – Deuteronomy 8:2
Having inner peace, joy when falsely accused – Matthew 5:11-22
Consistent meekness – 1 Corinthians 4:12, 13
Gentle, quiet spirit – 1 Peter 3:4
True joy in washing the feet of others – John 13:1-17
Honestly preferring the honor of others – Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3
Most humble, most forgiving, most loving – Matthew 18:4

Obedience
Measured by character and by our walk
Cleansing and holiness – 1 John 1:7
Choose to do God's will – John 7:17
Obey His commandments and please Him – 1 John 3:21
Living God's word – James 1:25
Total obedience – John 15:14
Do His will – Matthew 12:50
Deeds – James 2:20
Obedience is better than sacrifice – 1 Samuel 15:22
Lordship Luke 6:46

Guidance
The Holy Spirit – Deuteronomy 33:25; Acts 1:8; Isaiah 58:11
Resurrection power – Ephesians 1:19, 20
Recognize His voice – John 10:27
Follow Him – John 10:4
Counsel you – Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 9:6, John 14:16

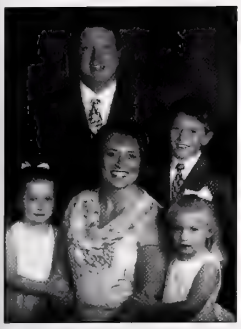
Words
Overflow of the heart – Matthew 12:34
Account for every word – Matthew 12:36
Measured by words – Numbers 12:1-15; James 5:9
Sweet fountain – James 3:11
Love – 1 Peter 4:8
The Lord listens – Malachi 3:16
Timely words – Proverbs 16:23
Healing words – Proverbs 12:18; 15:4
Aptly spoken – Proverbs 25:11
Pleasant words – Proverbs 16:21, 24
Gracious words – Proverbs 22:11

Thoughts
Heart – Proverbs 23:7
Holy Spirit – Hebrews 4:12, 13
Overflow of the heart – Matthew 12:34
Mind – Jeremiah 17:10
Holy Spirit – Romans 8:27
Known by – Romans 2:15, 16
Childish – 1 Corinthians 13:11
Captive – 2 Corinthians 10:5
Measure – 1 John 3:21, 22

Investments
Time of sowing – Proverbs 11:18
Unfailing love – Hosea 10:12
Eternal life – Galatians 6:8
Equal commendation – Matthew 25:14-23
Opportunity – Galatians 6:7, 9, 10
Sow – 2 Corinthians 9:6
Eternal investment – 1 Corinthians 16:22; Ephesians 2:7
Invest yourself – Malachi 3:17
Devoted to God – Deuteronomy 7:6; 36:9, 10

Dimension
Being clothed – Luke 24:48
Empowered – Luke 24:48; Acts 1:8
Reach the whole world – Matthew 28:19; Luke 24:47
Nations inheritance – Psalm 2:8

Sacrifice
Body – Romans 12:1
Commitment – Luke 9:23
Giving – Mark 12:41, Matthew 23:23; Malachi 3:8, 9



Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Returning to Purpose and Passion

by Pastor Reggie Ethridge
Youth Pastor, Williamston First PHC

As I read books, magazine articles, and numerous statistics about the spiritual condition of young people, it makes my heart heavy. Many of our youth are becoming so busy in their daily lives that a relationship with God is the last thing on their minds. Having read the statistics on this generation, the thing that worries me the most is the fact that the majority of our youth will quit attending church when they go to college. This could mean that all the blood, sweat, and tears we have poured into them as they have grown up among us will have been wasted energy. While I do believe the seed we plant could grow, mature, and draw them back to a relationship with God, sometimes this is not the case. The first step to turning this crisis around is to lay a strong foundation in our youth before they leave the refuge of the local church to go out into the world.

The first step to laying a strong foundation in our youth is to keep in mind that our primary purpose is to help them build a relationship with God. Many young people think of church as a place for fun, games, and social events. They live out their "Christian life" simply going from one social event to another. The problem is that they are not building a foundation on the Word of God. They have only a superficial, "social" relationship with Jesus. Youth pastors, while there is a need for fun, games, and retreats, these are not our purpose. They should be used to intensify the youth's relationships with God.

The NCCEM just had our second Gathering of the year. Thank God, once again, lives were changed around the altar! Thanks also to Kinston First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Pastor Bobby Williams, Youth Pastor Johnny Williams, and all who made this event a success! We had lights, smoke, drama, and a powerful message to compel the youth to come to know the Lord. At the end of the night, a group of young people came to the altar for a life-changing experience with Jesus. All the different elements of purpose, planning, and prayer came together and helped lay that strong foundation in the lives of these youth.

Youth pastors alone cannot successfully do this foundation-building alone. They need the support of everyone around them. According to Josh McDowell in the May/June issue of Outreach Magazine, there are three things a senior pastor can do to help turn this crisis around. McDowell points out, "If your youth ministry is not your top priority, it will fail." This means that youth ministry needs to be emphasized from the pulpit, not just with announcement, but also with sermons for the youth and their parents. A good example of this is Pastor Willie George at Church on the Move in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pastor George is so passionate about his youth that he led the church's youth ministry himself for a year. When the pastor cares enough about his church's youth to make this kind of investment, it changes lives!

The second point McDowell makes is that "you must live out what you're saying, in your marriage and with your children." It does not matter what you say from the pulpit; if your life does not reflect that message, it will be damaging to your youth. If you do not apply the lessons you are teaching to your own life, then you cannot expect your youth to apply them in their lives. They will see this hypocrisy in you and will reject any influence you try to have in their lives.

Finally, senior pastors need to mentor whoever is leading their youth, whether they are trained, licensed youth pastors or just volunteers with a heart for young people. As a youth pastor, you may find it difficult to stay encouraged about your ministry when your senior pastor does not seem to care about the youth or the youth ministry. It is always helpful to have the wisdom and counsel of your leaders to lean on for support in your ministry.

I shared at the beginning of this article about how my heart feels heavy when I read all the statistics about this generation – but those are just facts. The truth is that when I can sit in a service (like last Sunday night's Gathering) with hundreds of our young people and watch them passionately hunger and thirst after God, I can see that strong foundations are being laid and strong relationships with Christ being formed. Seeing that reminds me that no matter what the statistics show and what "the facts" are, the truth is that God is still in control, and there is still a generation actively pursuing Him.

2006 NCCEM Summer Mission Trip

Excitement is in the air for CEM's summer Missions trip! Our mission this summer is to help in the ongoing relief effort in the Gulf Coast area. We will be taking 50 to 70 teens to work and minister in Moss Point, Mississippi, at the New Horizons Pentecostal Holiness Church.

We will be leaving North Carolina on Saturday, July 29, and returning on Saturday, August 5. Please keep this team in your prayers both now and during the time that we are "in the field." We will especially need your prayer covering on Thursday and Friday nights of the trip, when we will venture to New Orleans for street evangelism!

At this time, we do have a few spots open for teens. If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like more information, please call the NCCEM office.

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"The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good."

Genesis 1:12 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

Two Major Summer Events

Allow me to discuss two major events in the life of the North Carolina Conference for this summer – Quadrennial Conference and Falcon Camp Meeting. Both will and should have major impact on the future of the North Carolina Conference and, hopefully, Kingdom of God.

The 96th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church met on Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, 2006. This conference was the first one held in the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. It was an anointed and smoothly flowing conference. The attendance was great! Reverend Ed Wood, general executive director of Stewardship from Oklahoma City, did a masterful job in chairing the conference.

The Lord blessed greatly in the special events of the conference. These were Holy Communion, licensing of new clergy (some 24), memoirs, appreciation newly retired (2), and ordination of clergy (some 21). A special highlight was the introduction of all Hispanic ministers and pastors on Friday.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the new building. I wish to congratulate the staff at the Resource Development Center for making all the preparations for the new building and otherwise for the conference. Well done! They all worked long hours and did many extra chores to make the conference a success.

I was honored by the conference to be re-elected as conference bishop. Betty and I enjoy our ministries and feel we are in the will of the Lord. We are greatly blessed to work with such a loving and committed group of clergy, churches, and church members. May the Lord do a great work among us these next four years.

Other elections to the North Carolina Conference Board were as follows:

Jimmy Whitfield – assistant superintendent (by acclamation)
Gary Strickland – secretary/treasurer
Danny Nelson – Evangelism/World Missions director (by acclamation)
Charles Boyd – Church Education Ministries director (by acclamation)
Paul Brafford – board member
Bobby Williams – board member
Oris Hubbard – board member
Linda Thomas – board member
Luis Avila – Hispanic representative
Roland Harrell – seat and voice

The conference made history in electing the first layperson to the board in many years and the first woman. We also elected the first Hispanic to the board. The Lord is at work among us!

In addition to the conference board, the Church Education Ministries Board was elected. These were elected:

Dwight Dunning – assistant director
Paul Evans – secretary/treasurer
Mark Fields – board member
Terry Whittenton – board member
Fernando Angulo – board member

These were appointed in the board meeting to complete that board – Andre Davenport, Jon Oliver, and Reggie Ethridge.

Since conference, the conference board has appointed all other board committee members. (These are listed in the Evangel. Some are not complete.)

The board has also appointed Reverend Roland Harrell as the conference loan officer and as assistant to the bishop, and Reverend Luis Avila the assistant to the bishop for Hispanic Ministries. I look forward to working with both these brothers. They will be full-time at the office. Reverend Gary Strickland, secretary/treasurer, will be part-time. He will continue to pastor the Clinton First Church.

May the Lord bless those next four years with His richest blessings. May He give each leader His anointing and direction.

The other major event for the conference is Falcon Camp Meeting. Please note the schedule in the Evangel. The Reverends Tony Miller, John Hedgepeth, and Michael Stewart will be the primary presenters. Brochures are available from the Conference Resource Development Center.

We will be in the new building – J. A. Culbreth Auditorium – this year. It will be great. It is such a wonderful building. God has been Jehovah-Jireh – Our Provider. Thank you again, Brother Roland Harrell, for your supervision.

There certainly are many other events on the conference schedule – Youth Camps, Youth Quest, Piney Grove Camp Meeting, etc. May the Lord bless these with His presence and grace. He makes all the difference! To Him be all the glory, honor, and praise.

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Elizabethtown Pentecostal Holiness Church Breaks Ground

The Elizabethtown Pentecostal Holiness Church broke ground for a new sanctuary and Church Education Building on Sunday, April 30.

Work will begin immediately with a goal to occupy the new facilities before Easter 2007. The building, when completed, will be 50' x 160' with upstairs for youth activities.

The senior pastor, the Hispanic pastor, the board of trustees, the official board, the deacons and deacons' wives board, the building committee, and the church elders participated in breaking ground and driving the corner stakes for the new building. Music was provided by Lisa Green Francis of Crossroads Church in Raleigh. Mr. Jack Dodd was ordained as an elder of the church as part of the groundbreaking ceremony. The congregation prayed, thanked God, and committed themselves to complete this building project for the glory of God and to be a blessing to our community. The new sanctuary is being built on existing church property at the corner of Poplar Street (US-701 S) and Smith Circle.

Jettie and Sue Parker would like to come to your church (upon invitation), to present and encourage nursing home ministry. This is a wonderful outreach ministry in which each church can and should participate. This is a ministry to the part of Christ's church who are living and dying in nursing homes. Each church has suitable workers for all levels of this ministry.

Please contact us by phone at 919-776-5860, or write to us at 3130 Kendale Drive, Sanford, NC 27332.

Yours for His kingdom,
Jettie and Sue Parker

Donald Ray Dowdy

February 23, 1930 – April 29, 2006

Brother Donald Dowdy went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 30, 2006. He had been sick for some period of time. Brother Donald was the husband of evangelist Reverend Betty Dowdy.

A memorial celebration service was conducted at the Central Church of God on Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Brother Dowdy, had he lived to June, would have been married to sister Betty for 56 years. Together they had four children. Their sons had already passed away. Their daughters, Brenda and Deborah, have faithfully cared for their parents for some time.

Donald Dowdy had been a faithful companion and supporter to his evangelist wife. Betty began ministry in 1955 in Eastern Virginia as a mission worker. She was licensed in 1968 in Richmond, Virginia, and ordained in 1981 in Falcon. Together they would serve some 30 years in evangelistic work.

For 11 years this ministry couple world serve in the pastorate. Sister Dowdy pastored the Good Shepherd church in the Eastern Virginia Conference for four years, 1968–1972. She also assisted in two mission works for one year. She would pastor two churches in the North Carolina Conference after transferring in 1977. These were the Merritts Chapel Church and the Red Springs Church. They were at Red Springs 1992–1997.

Donald Dowdy loved the Lord. He worked and stood beside his wife. A preacher wife could have no better husband. Those who knew him loved him.

To God Be the Glory

We at Heritage Pentecostal Holiness Church are experiencing the blessings of God.

With God's help, we have burned the loan note and are now debt free. We are growing not only numerically, but most of all spiritually. Come and see what God is doing and witness the new things God is doing at Heritage Pentecostal Holiness Church, 3208 Oaks Road, New Bern, North Carolina.

FALCON CAMP MEETING 2006

Schedule of Services

Sunday, August 6

6:00 p.m.	Rev. Tony Miller

Monday, August 7

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Wiley Clark *
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Tony Miller
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. Tony Miller

Tuesday, August 8

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Jay Pike *
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Tony Miller
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. Tony Miller

Wednesday, August 9

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Francisco Concepcion *
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Tony Miller
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. John Hedgepeth

Thursday, August 10

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Elwood Long *
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Michael Stewart
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. John Hedgepeth

Friday, August 11

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Reggie Ethridge *
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Michael Stewart
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
4:00 p.m.	MWF – Deborah's in Dunn
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. John Hedgepeth

Saturday, August 12

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Eddie Wood *
11:00 a.m.	Rev. Michael Stewart
12:30 p.m.	Retired Ministers' Luncheon
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Youth Emphasis Director: Rev. Charles Boyd Message: Rev. Blaine Bartel

Sunday, August 13

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School* Teacher: Joyce Hodges
11:00 a.m.	Bishop D. Chris Thompson
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
6:00 p.m.	World Evangelism Emphasis Director: Rev. Danny Nelson Message: Rev. John Hedgepeth

** Please Note: All services noted by an asterisk (*) will be held in the Octagon Tabernacle.*
ALL OTHER SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE J. A. CULBRETH AUDITORIUM.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Early Morning Prayer – NC Conference WIN Director, ***Rev. Mrs. Lydia Figueroa***, will lead a special time of intercession each morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Octagon Tabernacle. ***The Octagon Tabernacle will be open each day for prayer***. Evening intercessions will be led by Mrs. Figueroa and team in the ***Upper Prayer Room – J. A. Culbreth Auditorium.***

Nursery – Two nurseries will be available for the evening services in the entrance area of the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. These will be for 0-2 years of age and 3-4 years of age. Trained attendants will be on duty. Children must be picked up ***immediately*** at the close of each service.

Children's Camp Meeting – A special Children's Camp Meeting service will be held each evening in the Training Room of the ***Cafeteria Training Center***. Reverend Terry Whittenton, Whittle-Do, from Dunn, North Carolina, will lead the services. Ages 5-10 may attend.

Retired Ministers Luncheon – This special time of appreciation will be hosted by ***Bishop Thompson and the Conference Board***. It will be held on Saturday, August 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the **Private Dining Room**. The 2006 retirees will be our special honorees.

Ministers' Wives Fellowship – The fellowship meeting will be on Friday, August 11, at 4:00 p.m. at ***Deborah's in Dunn***. The special speaker will be ***Mrs. Anne Williams***. ***Director Betty Thompson*** will lead the service. All ministers' wives and lady ministers are invited to attend.

Youth Emphasis – The Conference Church Education Ministries director, ***Rev. Charles Boyd, and Board*** will sponsor a youth service on Saturday evening, August 12, at 6 p.m. ***Rev. Blaine Bartel*** will be speaking.

Sunday A.M. – ***Bishop D. Chris Thompson***, conference superintendent of the North Carolina Conference, will be preaching at the 11:00 o'clock worship service.

World Evangelism Emphasis – The NC Conference World Missions director, ***Rev. Danny Nelson***, will lead the Camp Meeting and Conference in collecting the **2006 Global Outreach Offering**. Each church is requested to report and/or turn in its offering by Wednesday, August 9. Several missionaries will be present.

Sunday School – The Sunday school lesson on August 13 will be taught in the ***Octagon Tabernacle*** at 9:30 a.m. ***Ms. Joyce Hodges***, CEM board member and CEM director of the Stedman PH Church, will teach the lesson. For the past four years she has served on the CEM board and has been instrumental in annual teacher trainings.

Meals – Meals will be available on campus in the Cafeteria Training Center Monday through Sunday. The canteen will be opened after the evening services Monday – Saturday. Special picnic facilities will be available for Sunday, August 13.

Rooms – Rooms are available at $20 per night in the ***Beige Dorm***, former ***CE Home***, and ***Ward Dormitory***. An additional $2 per person per room is charged for three or more in a room. Contact ***Ms. Dolores Reynolds*** for reservations at (910) 980-1162.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

God's Passion for His Glory

by John Piper. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books. 266 pages.

If God did not create the world, including the world of people, to fill a void or satisfy a need He had as a result of being alone in the universe, then why did He create it, with all its worries and woes, including the sad story of sinful man's plight and predicament? Since He is omniscient, knowing all things past, present, and future, and while viewing the corridor of time, knowing that man would betray the trust, why did He bother in the first place creating and making what He knew would be marred and scarred by the minds and corrupt hearts of men? Could He not have saved Himself a lot of suffering if He had made a perfect world that could not have been tainted or tarnished by Satan? Would the excellences and glories of God have been just as good if the world had never been created? What was the nature of God's passion for His glory that caused Him to create the world in the beginning? What is the end for which God created the world?

Piper addresses the question by pointing to a particular writing of the late, great Jonathan Edwards, arguably the greatest theologian of these United States. In fact, some like to refer to him as the "American Augustine." The book is part Piper and expatiation on Edwards. It is essentially two books in one. In the first half, Piper helps the reader to understand some of the key terms and intent of Edwards. He presents a biographical sketch of the New England theologian, who is famous for explaining that it is our great duty to be as happy as we can in God forever. Edwards explains how we can do this in his book, *The End for Which God Created the World*, which offers the truth in steps so the reader can read, study, reflect, and allow the Holy Spirit to teach him more about God's passion for His glory. Edward's central thought is that God created the world to exhibit the fullness of His glory in the God-centered joy of His people. He is magnified and exalted when His people rejoice in Him.

The drifting postmodern church desperately needs to hear this message. Evil forces seek to tear away the foundations and fundamentals of the faith so that the Christianity left in its wake fails miserably to resemble anything close to the real thing as described in the New Testament. Worship without commitment equals false worship. Praise from foreign, distant hearts equals false praise.

Reading this great work of the master apologist Jonathan Edwards may be very challenging and require much discipline and effort, but the rewards and benefits for such studious labor is worth it. Read for spiritual profit. You will not be disappointed.

Pastors in Transition: Why Clergy Leave Local Church Ministry

by Dean R. Hoge and Jacqueline E. Wenger. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 257 pages

Viewed by some as an endangered species, pastors are confronted by the insurmountable task of proclaiming what seems absurd in a world of unbelief, and challenged to preach to the world without selling out to it. They face a host of issues, problems, and concerns, as perhaps no other generation of ministers. The average church member doesn't have a clue as to what pressure, dangers, and responsibilities pastors have in the work of Christian ministry. After Friday, Sunday comes, and several dynamic, heart-rending, profoundly encouraging, and worship-promoting sermons are needed to wake the people and stir their hearts for God. Someone needs to have a clue (and a whole lot more, if you ask me), and apparently Dean Hoge and Jacqueline Wenger did ask some very important questions about those in the Christian ministry.

Often overworked and looking for some quiet relief, today's pastor and the problems of ministry need to be understood. If it were not the fact that we who have been liberated from the depths of sin, adopted into the family of God, called into Christian ministry, and given such enduring grace, one would wonder how many pastors would be standing in the pulpit this Sunday prepared to speak the unsearchable riches of Christ. Right or wrong, good or bad, ministers are leaving the ministry. Hoge and Wenger wanted to find out why.

The authors researched five denominations: (1) United Methodist (2) Presbyterians (PCUSA), (3) Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, (4) Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and (5) the Assemblies of God. They sought to find out why ministers quit the ministry or why ministers left churches. The seven most common reasons ministers left local church ministry were (1) preference for another kind of ministry, (2) need to care for children or family, (3) conflict in the congregation, (4) conflict with denominational leaders, (5) feelings of burnout or frustration, (6) sexual misconduct, and (7) divorce or marital problems. They studied the push/pull factors, and realized that 30 to 40 percent of those who left did so for involuntary reasons, while 15 to 25 percent were voluntary leavers, and 40 to 50 percent were voluntary leavers based on push factors.

Conflict was the main reason ministers left – conflict with parishioners, with other staff members, or with denominational officials. The conflict with the church seemed to be centered on pastoral leadership style, finances, coping with a powerful family, changes in worship style, and issues about new building or renovation. Two recurring themes were realized: (1) Tension may build in a church as even those who say they want to grow are unwilling to make the changes necessary to do it, and (2) The assumption is that if there's a conflict in the church, the pastor must be somehow at fault. A problem recognized is that people who serve clergy-killer churches never become bishops. The people who serve these kinds of churches are viewed as losers. The bottom line was clear. All pastors need help and encouragement in handling conflicts in their congregations.

Ex-pastors considering returning to the pastorate said they missed leading worship, preaching, teaching, and being a meaningful part of people's lives.

The study revealed three major findings: (1) The main factors pushing pastors away from local church ministry are organizational and interpersonal; (2) Ministers are experiencing a lack of support and support systems, especially when they are coping with conflict (One Assembly of God pastor said, "Ministry is tough, and you can't expect anybody to help you if things go bad."); (3) It is not just one, but rather a combination of stresses and difficulties that influences pastors to leave.

At least six recommendations were presented. (1) Seminaries should do more to prepare ministers for the practical aspects of ministry; (2) Denominations should improve the call process; (3) Denominations should provide ongoing support for pastors; (4) Denominations should provide support for pastors in conflict or crisis; (5) Congregations should be realistic about expectations and articulate their genuine goals; and (6) Congregations should provide relief from workloads when pastors are facing conflict or crisis.

Overall, the book was enlightening and interesting to read. This excellent work is valuable not only for pastors and denominational leaders, but also for laypersons who desire to understand the problems and concerns of those in the ministry and help the pastor in creative ways not only to survive but to thrive in ministry.

The Da Vinci Code

by Dan Brown. New York: Doubleday. 454 pages.

Perhaps a lonely hermit or some sequestered bibliophile has yet to hear of *The Da Vinci Code*, but for the rest of us, and for some of us, sadly, this book does exist, as it claims to be a novel, a work of fiction; yet for some, it is so enlightening that people cannot get enough of it. I've had enough of it because it is old stuff rehashed and placed in a new form, but nevertheless, nothing new or enlightening comes from this publication. Why even bother with a book of fiction that threatens the core and foundation of what we hold near and dear to our hearts? The problem confronting the church is that people on the fringe may be in danger of believing the unfounded worldview *The Da Vinci Code* purports. Core Christians remain unmoved and unfazed by this not so innocent work of fiction. Christians are not afraid of true science because the facts do not threaten the Christian faith. A weak Christian or a babe in Christ may question the statements, and could vacillate between the truth of Scripture and the "facts" of *The Da Vinci Code*. Brown claims the book to be fact based, and if it is, then maybe what we as believers have always believed may not be true after all? Only minds that do not love God would believe such a thing. Doubt and suspicion concerning the Scriptures are the Devil's work.

No wonder we are commanded to love God with all of our mind. All of our mind needs to love God, refusing to compromise with someone or something else. A partial mind easily becomes a doubting mind, and a doubting mind can apostatize. All it takes is a little envenoming, and it's over. How many flies does it take before you will no longer eat the bowl of soup? Worse still, how much arsenic does a person need before death occurs? How many lies does it take before a person drifts from the faith? A small denial of some absolutes can condemn a soul to hell. There is nothing new under the sun, but Brown and those who read and believe his carefully crafted words may find something new and exciting, but peel away the veneer, and underneath the slimy, slithering surface, there will be doubt, denial, and death. No, Brown did not open the door to faith. Make no mistake; he opened the door to heresy. Whoever marries the spirit of the age becomes a widow.

Readers, beware. Critical discernment is essential. If you read this book with an open mind, proceed with extreme, vigilant, and wary caution!

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again."
Proverbs 19:17

Dear Women of God,

The first weekend in May, we had our Directors' Council meeting in Falcon. All local WM directors were invited to attend. We had a great time of fun, food, and fellowship. Mrs. Jennifer Oliver led our devotion and did an outstanding job. We appreciate her allowing the Lord to use her to minister to us.

Our theme for this year was *"Intentionally Making a Difference,"* focusing on home, church, and community. Webster defines intentional as deliberately intended or done. The word *intent* means a purpose, goal, aim, or design.

Now my thoughts on this subject: we need to have a plan of action. If we really want to make a difference, not just have a meeting to say we have Women's Ministries, then how do we get from point A to point B? How do we touch lives? How do we minister to others when we are already overwhelmed? First, we pray and then plan. I recommend that you meet with your WM Council and begin praying about how you can *intentionally* meet the needs of women in your church. Then begin to move outside the walls of the church and go into homes and your community to share the love of Christ.

When Jesus walked on the earth, He ministered to the poor, the downtrodden, the sick, and the lame. As followers of Jesus, we are told to be like Him.

My prayer is that you will be sensitive to the needs of others and that you will see others as Christ sees us.

Remember, *"Together we can make a difference!"*

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday at Wallace Pentecostal Holiness Church

The ladies of the Wallace Church either crocheted or bought booties during 2005 for a special 2006 Sanctity of Human Life "Bootie Tree." Three hundred seventy-five booties/socks/shoes decorated the beautiful white tree in the sanctuary on January 22, 2006. In addition to the booties, there were 21 baby blankets and one sweater underneath the tree. Scripture was placed inside each pair of booties and on each blanket. On top of the tree was a poster of a baby bootie, which read, *"Booties for our precious feet."*

The idea of the tree was birthed in the soul of Dianne Hunt during the 2005 Sanctity of Human Life Week. She worked all year promoting the tree and encouraging the ladies to crochet booties. When everyone arrived at church on Sunday morning, January 22, they were astounded! The tree was more beautiful than anyone had imagined. At the conclusion of Sanctity of Human Life Week, the booties and blankets were given to the Royal Home. We pray that each item will bring encouragement to the many clients at The Royal Home and that each one will know the Wallace church family loves and supports them.

Diane Hunt serves as the local ATAM coordinator at the Wallace Church.

POTPOURRI....

Summertime ideas:

- Clean aluminum furniture by gently rubbing frames with a plastic scrubber soaked in detergent. Hose down; then dry with a towel.
- Scrape your fingernails lightly over a bar of soap before you start gardening. Even if you wear gloves, it'll make cleaning your nails easier.
- Before screwing the end of the hose into the spigot, rub both with a light coating of petroleum jelly. The hose will screw on and off easily.
- Use brightly colored kitchen hand towels for picnic napkins. They won't blow away like paper napkins; plus, they're bigger and easy to wash.

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The Night Songs

Psalm 134:1-3 reads, *"Behold, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you from Zion!"* (NKJV)

So many times in this life and on this earth we hear of heartbreaking things that happen, and we really do not understand. Why do bad things happen to good people?

We recently received word from the headquarters in Oklahoma City that Rev. and Mrs. Frank Tunstall's youngest son died in a car wreck last week. It is heartbreaking news. Also, the Tunstalls are such devoted servants of the Lord and have been all their lives. Why do bad things happen to good people?

Recently, I have spoken to different people who are parents of children who are lost and are away from God. There are those who are just living in this world of sin and going about their daily lives with no thought of tomorrow.

Then there are those who are desperate, with all kinds of addictions: drugs, alcohol, or whatever. Why do these parents have to go through these hardships?

Years ago, when Chris and I were first married, he would get up really early in the morning and leave to ride down to Holmes for a meeting, be there for a few hours, and then drive all the way back in the same day. It was a 10-hour round trip or more, depending on traffic and roadwork. I would pray for the Lord to protect him, but then I knew also that if it were his time to go, anything could happen to him. I was in constant turmoil. I would pray for him, but I really did not know how to pray for him.

I knew it wasn't supposed to be that way, so I prayed for the Lord to show me how to pray. While praying this prayer on my way to church one evening, I was listening to Rev. Chuck Smith on the radio. He was talking about Job and all that happened to him and his family. He said, "Because Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, we are going to have sickness, death, and problems. Even though we are Christians, we are not immune from these things in this world. We are still human beings like everyone else. But we have hope!"

So many times when problems come, we say, "What am I going to do?" But then we realize who our Redeemer is! He not only saved us from our sins, but He is the answer to all of our heart's needs. We just have to trust Him with them.

When our boys were growing up and there were times we did not know for sure what their relationship with the Lord was, we constantly prayed for them, and we know that is what kept them.

Because of Psalm 139:13, I cannot help but believe that God has a plan for each of our lives, and sometimes we have to go through and face things that maybe someone else may not. We all have different personalities and approach things in different ways, and because of God's plan, we can reach people that someone else cannot.

I guess what I am trying to say is that because of the ministry God has planned for our lives, God has us all go through different things in our lives to prepare us for that ministry and, most of all, that He would be glorified in us.

So keep hope! Pray for that lost, wayward young person, that drug addict, that thief, that alcoholic, that sex offender, that gambler. God loves them all and can still save them. He didn't give up on us. Cover them in prayer, day in and day out.

Even though our boys are Christians and are in the ministry, I pray for them constantly. One of them works a second shift job, and I pray for him at night for protection to get home safely. During the night, I pray for the one who leaves for work at 5:30 a.m. for safety. I also pray for him because he has to hire and fire people when they are not doing their job. The third son lives in California and is constantly in our prayers also. Because of living in this world and the many wiles of the devil, we must hold our loved ones up to the Lord.

I also know that God's plan sometimes still brings heartache, such as with the Tunstall family. There are so many things we do not know or understand about this life, but God is faithful and will keep us and give us strength to go through these things, and one day we will understand.

I like the scripture Psalm 134:1-3 because even in the night seasons, He reaches out to us in our communion with Him. We praise Him in sorrow, and He will lift us up!

May God bless your "night songs" to Him because He will be there for you, ever strengthening and giving you encouragement.

The MWF Meeting for Camp Meeting is planned for Friday, August 11, 2006.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Anne Williams, wife of Rev. Bobby Williams, pastor of the Kinston First Church, will be our speaker. Our location has been changed, and I will have to let you know later about that. Plan now to come and bring someone!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Did You Know...?

When the delegates and ministers met in Durham, N.C., on November 19, 1912, for the second meeting of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church (after the consolidation on January 30, 1911), the meeting was delayed by one hour, the reason for the delay being that the hall caught fire and was destroyed.

The meeting was then called to order, and the roll of preachers and then the roll of churches and delegates were called and answered. The election of officers of the conference took place, and then because Superintendent Rev. A. H. Butler was not well as a result of the fire, Rev. J. H. King was elected superintendent pro tem.

On the second day of conference, an offering was taken for Rev. G. F. Taylor, who suffered an injury because of the fire. The offering amounted to $21.65 for Brother Taylor. An offering was also taken for the Durham Church that lost their building in the fire.

The First Archives Collection

God planned and commissioned our first Archives Collection when He commanded Moses to place certain items in the Ark of the Covenant and then placed it in the Holy of Holies. When you think of just how important the Ark of the Covenant was to the Israelites, it makes us realize just how important the items that were placed inside were. As we all know, the Ark of the Covenant represented the presence of God among the people in the Wilderness Tabernacle.

The Book of Hebrews 9:4 lists the contents of the Ark of the Covenant that God commanded to be preserved in Exodus 16:32-34, Numbers 17:4, and Deuteronomy 10:5b.

Hebrews reads as follows: "...wherein was the golden pot that had the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant."

In Exodus, Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD commandeth ... lay it up before the LORD, to be kept throughout your generations." God intended for the manna to be a witness of God's faithfulness in the wilderness and for it to be preserved for the generations to come.

Numbers 17:4 says, "And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you." Here God is telling them to place the rods in a place where the people will see and know what God has done for them as they come to worship.

In Deuteronomy 10:5b, Moses says, "... And put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me." This scripture seems to say to us that obedience is one of the most important things we can do in our worship and service to God.

God intends for us to do everything within our strength to glorify Him, whether it be in our service to Him, or testifying of His goodness and grace toward others and ourselves. Our lives should be a testimony, but sometimes we need to do more than just live our lives.

May God help us to be ever aware of His lovingkindness and to pass it along to everyone with whom we come in contact.

The North Carolina Archives Department needs for you to pass along anything pertaining to the ministry of your church, the lives of our ministers and their spouses, materials or pictures of conference events; such as camp meetings, youth camps, youth services, Royal Rangers events, GEMS and/or Missionettes, Women's Ministries, retreats, or any other activity.

These items are the evidences of the blessings of God upon our great conference. The Archives Department needs your support in collecting these items and putting them in a safe place for the generations to come.

So many people want to hang on to their historical items or pictures, and then when they move to a smaller residence or when they die, their children or family members don't know the importance of protecting or passing on these items and tend to throw them away.

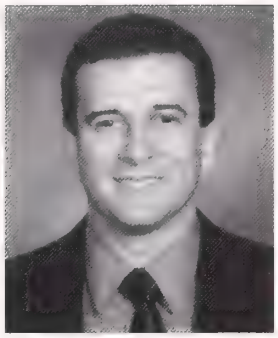
Please, please, please protect our heritage by donating your items to the North Carolina Conference Archives. I know that God will bless you for all that you do, and your contributions will bless generations to come.

Several people have asked what do we do with your donated items. We catalog what is given and by whom and then file it away in a file or storage box. At different times during the year, we put up displays in different areas of campus. We always have something in the display cabinet at the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, and we are in the process of moving a display cabinet downstairs at the entrance to the conference offices. We are also working on getting a curio cabinet for upstairs at the Archives Center. In the Archives office, we have slanted display shelves for pictures and some of the memorabilia that we have collected.

We have information available for people to come and research information about their church in order to write their church history. We have scrapbooks with pictures of church activities. We have old books written by many of our pioneer leaders of the church. We have videos and cassette tapes of camp meeting and special services along with interviews of some of our earlier ministers.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer some of your time to helping us, please give me a call.

May God bless you as you serve Him!
Betty T.



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Un Gran Trabajo

Nehemías dijo: "Yo hago una gran obra", el no podía cesar lo que Dios le había dado que hiciera. Así nosotros, hacemos una gran obra, y nada ni nadie nos debe detener, excepto aquellos momentos que tomamos para buscar a Dios.

Deseamos felicitar a todos aquellos que fueron electos para tomar una posición de trabajo en áreas diferentes en nuestra Conferencia. La Conferencia Cuadrienal, fue usada por Dios para elegir diferentes líderes hispanos. Por eso agradecemos a Dios y a todo el liderazgo por la confianza puesta en nosotros para servir en esas diferentes capacidades que nos han puesto.

Estamos Celebrando

- MWF: Miembro de la junta, Lilliana Avila
- Junta de Ministerio de Hombres: Miembro de la junta, Miguel Figueroa
- Junta de WIN: Directora, Rev. Lydia Figueroa
- Junta de WIN: Miembro de la junta, Francisco Suero
- Supervisor Hispano y Asistente del Superintendente: Rev. Luis Avila
- Junta de Misiones: Pastor Hispano, Rev. Juan Montes
- Juanta ded Educación Cristiana: Miembro de la junta, Rev. Fernando Angulo
- Juanta de Evangelismo: Distrito Hispano del Sur, Rev. Alfredo Vargas

Gracias a todos por darnos la oportunidad de servir en estas grandes áreas de trabajo en nuestra Conferencia.

Felicitamos

A todos los ministros que recibieron su licencia de Ministro en la Conferencia Cuadrienal:

- Mynor Ac García. Ordenación
- Marcial Aguillón. Ordenación
- Elizabeth Echeverría. Ordenación
- Edgar Alberto Pérez. Transferido de la Conferencia de Guatemala
- Lilliana Avila. Ministro Licenciado
- Luis Feliz. Ministro Licenciado
- Manuel Reyes. Ministro Licenciado
- Ester Reyes. Ministro Licenciado
- Freddy Nuñez. Ministro Licenciado
- Dina Magaly Duarte de Pérez. Ministro de la iglesia Local
- Ramón Siquina. Ministro de la iglesia Local

Damos la Bienvenida a los Nuevos Ministros

Damos la bienvenida a los nuevos ministros quienes aplicaron para ser ministros y miembros de nuestra Gran Conferencia. Gracias a Dios por ellos.

- Freddy Nuñez. Ministro Licenciado
- Edgar Alberto Pérez. Transferido de la Conferencia de Guatemala
- Dina Magaly Duarte de Pérez. Ministro de la iglesia Local
- Ramón Siquina. Ministro de la iglesia Local

Ayudemonos Unos a Otros

Hace algunos meses la iglesia Hispana de Robersonville, compró el edificio de una iglesia vieja en Robersonville, y ahora ellos están remodelando y haciendo varias modificaciones. El pastor es Angel Andrade y él es un gran hombre de Dios. La iglesia Hispana es de aproximadamente 30 miembros, ellos necesitan nuestra ayuda; cualquier cosa que usted pueda hacer, será grandemente apreciada.

Nos Regocijamos con Aquellos Que Alcanzaron la Meta

Las tres iglesias que más dieron para la ofrenda global del año 2005, fueron:

- Rey de Reyes en Kinston
- Tabernáculo del Evangelio en Dunn
- La iglesia Hispana Bethel en St. Paul

Alabamos a Dios por ustedes, adelante y sigan alcanzando metas aún más altas.

Queremos mencionar aquellos que rompieron las barreras del crecimiento en la membresía, la asistencia y los grupos de estudio bíblico, y recibieron un galardón en la pasada Conferencia Cuadrienal.

- Rey de Reyes en Kinston-AM Culto principal
- Luz y Salvación en Clinton-Membresía
- Oasis de Esperanza en Greenville- Membresía
- El Verbo de Dios en Benson- Servicio principal
- Fuente de Amor en Garner-Membresía y sistema de estudios bíblicos
- Ríos de Agua Viva-Membresía y culto principal

- Manantial de Avivamiento-Membresía y culto principal
- El Tabernáculo de Creswell-Membresía, culto principal y sitema de estudios bíblicos
- El Verbo de Dios de Shallotte- Culto principal y sistema de estudios bíblicos

Mantengase creciendo en la voluntad de Dios y haciendo grandes cosas para Su Reino.

Gracias a todos por su apoyo para el ministerio Hispano en nuestra Conferencia. Que Dios les bendiga ricamente en Su Causa.

A Great Work

Nehemiah said, "I am carrying on a great project." He could not cease what the Lord had put in his heart. Like Nehemiah, we are carrying on a great project, and we cannot stop, except for those moments to seek God's face in prayer.

We want to congratulate those who were elected to take a work position on different areas and boards of the Conference. The Quadrennial Conference was used by God to point to different Hispanic leaders. That's because we thank God and all the leadership for the confidence that you have placed us to serve in different capacities with different Hispanic leaders of our Conference:

We Are Celebrating

- MWF Board: Lilliana Avila, board member
- Men's Ministries Board: Miguel Figueroa, board member
- WIN Board: Rev. Lydia Figueroa, director
- WIN Board: Francisco Suero, board member
- Hispanic Supervisor: Rev. Luis Avila, assistant to superintendent:
- Missions Board: Rev. Juan Montes, Hispanic pastor
- CEM Board: Rev. Fernando Angulo, board member
- Evangelism Board: Rev. Alfredo Vargas, Hispanic South

Thank you all for giving us the opportunity to serve in these great areas of work.

We Congratulate

All those ministers who received their licenses in the past Quadrennial Conference:

- Mynor Ac Garcia: Ordination
- Marcial Aguillon: Ordination
- Elizabeth Echeverria: Ordination
- Edgar Alberto Perez: Transfer from Guatemala's Conference
- Lilliana Avila: Minister's License
- Luis Feliz: Minister's License
- Manuel Reyes: Minister's License
- Ester Reyes: Minister's License
- Freddy Nunez: Minister's License
- Dina Magaly Duarte de Perez: Local Church Minister
- Ramon Siquina: Local Church Minister

We Welcome the New Ministers

We welcome the new ministers, who applied to be ministers of our conference. Thank God for them.

- Freddy Nunez: Minister's License
- Edgar Alberto Perez: Transfer from Guatemala's Conference
- Dina Magaly Duarte de Perez: Local Church Minister
- Ramon Siquina: Local Church Minister

Let's Help Each Other

A few months ago, the Robersonville Hispanic Church bought an old church building in Robersonville, and now they are doing renovations. The pastor is Angel Andrade, and he is a great man of God. This Hispanic church has only 30 members; they need our help; whatever we can do for them will be greatly appreciated.

We Rejoice With Those Who Reached the Goal

The top three churches with the Global Outreach Offering in 2005:

- King of Kings
- Gospel Tabernacle
- Bethel Hispanic

We praise God for you; go forward, reaching even higher goals.

Those who were Breaking Barriers in 2005 received an award in the Quadrennial Conference.

- King of Kings Hispanic – A.M. Worship
- Light and Salvation Hispanic – Membership
- Oasis Hispanic – Membership
- Word of God Hispanic – A.M. Worship
- Fountain of Love Hispanic – Membership and Systematic Bible Study
- Rivers of Living water Hispanic – Membership, A.M. Worship
- Rivers of Revival Hispanic – Membership, A.M. Worship
- The Tabernacle Hispanic – Membership, A.M. Worship, Systematic Bible Study
- Word of God Hispanic – A.M. Worship and Systematic Bible Study

Keep growing in the will of God and doing great things for His Kingdom.

Thank you all for your support to the Hispanic Ministry of our Conference. May God bless richly in all you do for His cause.

World Intercession Network

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The Voice of God

"My sheep hear hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."
KJB John 10:27

"The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice and
I know them and they follow Me."
Jn. 10:27 KJB

Many people say, "I just can't hear from God! I have never heard the voice of God. God speaks to other people; He just doesn't speak to me." Yet we read in John 10:27 that God declares and establishes the fact that His sheep (People, children, saints, believers, the church) "HEAR HIS VOICE."

The importance of hearing the voice of God.

- Must be obeyed.....Genesis 3:1-19
- Disobedience to, judged.....Jeremiah 42:5-22
- (Die by sword and famine)
- Obedience to the essence of true religion.....1 Samuel 15:19-24
- (God rejected Saul because he did not obey.)
- For direction.....Psa. 27:11 – Psa. 23:3
- For guidance.....Psa. 25:9 – Pro. 3:5, 6 – John 16:13 – Psa. 48:14
- To comfort.....Heb.13:5 – Psa. 27:10 – John 14:16
- For wisdom and knowledge
- Safety.....Psa. 34:7 – Pro. 3:24, 26 – Isa. 43:2
- Decisions.....Psa. 32:8 – Psa. 27:11 – Rom. 12:2 – Psa. 25:4, 5
- Through difficult times.....2 Cor. 1:3, 4
- In affliction.....Psa. 119:49, 50
- Loss of a love one.....John 14:16 – 2 Cor.5:6, 8 – Rev. 21:4 – Mat. 5:4

Some reasons why you can't hear God's voice:

1. You do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. You do not make yourself available to His (Holy Spirit's) prompting.
   (Too busy, your mind (soulish realm) and physical being are too busy with earthly cares.)
3. You are not exercising your spirit man. You are filling your human tank (body, soul, and spirit) with the information of the world, and not the information of God. The Word-Prayer- Worship -Fellowship.
4. You may be listening to the wrong voices or things.
5. You may be walking in doubt or in unbelief.
6. You may be shutting out the voice of God because you don't want to stop living in the world. (SIN)
7. You may be refusing the love, leading and correction of God because you associate it with an earthly relationship that was damaging and harmful to you.
8. You may not hear the voice of God because you fear God in the wrong way (incorrect teachings). To fear God is to reverence Him.
9. You do not hear His voice because you just do not know how to become sensitive enough or still. ("Let your heart not be troubled nor afraid. Be Still and know I am God.")
10. You might not hear the voice of God because you don't desire to hear it nor seek it.

Note: that a nonbeliever hears the voice of God only in order to be convicted, and receive the gift of eternal life.

Those that hear the voice of God:

1. Someone that is being convicted by the Holy Spirit.
2. A born-again believer.
3. A person who has confessed with their mouth and believed in their heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
4. A person that has received the gift of eternal life.
5. A saved person.
6. A child of God

A believer

- Should be
- Should expect
- Should want
- Should desire

To hear the voice of God (Holy Spirit).

"The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice and I know them and they follow Me."
Jn. 10:27 KJB

God as our shepherd, we as His sheep and temple (of the Holy Spirit):

- Should plainly be hearing the voice of God.
- Should be recognizing the voice of God.
- Should expect to hear God's voice.

You and I are God's creation, and He knows us and wants fellowship and relationship. God has all authority and power over our lives. He want to give us purpose, direction, future and a destiny.

We need to hear His voice!

You are God's child, and every parent loves to talk to his or her child. The Word of God tells us that "His sheep hear His voice." So we are assured that we hear His voice. God is imparting and has always imparted His wisdom, knowledge, plans, power and authority to His sheep (children, people).

Some of those that have heard God's voice:

1. **Adam** – Genesis 3:9,10 – "God called to Adam" when Adam had sinned. "I hid because I was afraid, I was naked."

2. **Moses** – Exodus 19:19 – "Moses spoke and God answered him with a voice." Deuteronomy 4:12 – "And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the voice of words, but saw no form, there was only a voice."

3. **Israel** – Deuteronomy 5:22 – "These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice and He spoke not again (added no more) He wrote them on two tables of stones and gave them to me (Moses)."

4. **I Samuel 3:1-14** – Samuel was lying down when the Lord called, "Samuel!" four times. Verse 9 – "So Eli said to Samuel, 'Go lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening."'"

My prayer is that we would hear the voice of God and say as Samuel and others did, "***SPEAK LORD; YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING.***"

Do you hear the voice of God, and are you listening?

Some ways to recognize the voice of God.

1. By His creation Rom. 1:20 (we are to observe and let it minister to us)
   "Fire"- cloud-darkness. Deuteronomy 5:22 water-fall-beach-flower-animals
2. Impression (idea, sensation)
3. Senses – (see-hear-touch-smell)
4. A leading in a subtle way (direction, favor, gifting, provision, mentor)
5. Being sensitive (aware)
6. Prompting ("call so and so")
7. By the Word (a passage of Scripture)
8. Prayer
9. Dreams
10. Visions
11. Another person
12. A book
13. TV-radio
14. Circumstances-trials
15. A Holy nudge (tap, touch)
16. Inner stirring (moving, stimulation, excitement)
17. He calls you "softly and tenderly."
18. Convicts when in sin/out of fellowship.
19. When he wants to unfold His plan (kingdom business)
20. When He is separating you for a special calling (call, separation, appoints)
21. When divinely protected

As believers and God's children, we have the blessing of hearing God's voice.

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU TODAY?

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

2006 Evangelism / World Missions Awards*

Congratulations to the following churches for reaching the "TOP 3" in financial giving in their respective categories!

TOTAL MISSIONS GIVING

Church	Pastor	Amt. Given
Northwood Temple	John Hedgepeth	$286,575.50
Gospel Tabernacle	Ken Milliken	$96,889.55
Greenville First	Paul Brafford	$54,838.92

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Church	Pastor	Amt. Given
Gospel Tabernacle	Ken Milliken	$56,910.18
Northwood Temple	John Hedgepeth	$35,343.25
Greenville First	Paul Brafford	$33,208.00

PER CAPITA GIVING

Church	Pastor	Amt. Given
Middlesex	William Price	$509.78
Black Creek	Sherwood Page	$385.06
Elizabethtown	Jerry Green	$220.77

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE GIVING

Church	Pastor	Amt. Given
Northwood Temple	John Hedgepeth	$22,852.50
The Capital	Tim Marriner	$14,648.00
Kinston First	Bobby Williams	$12,179.70

GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING

Church	Pastor	Amt. Given
Mount Carmel	Wiley Hughes	$11,335.00
Clinton First	Gary Strickland	$10,936.36
Greenville First	Paul Brafford	$10,471.06

GLOBAL OUTREACH PERCENTAGE INCREASE

Church	Pastor	Amt. Given
Higher Ground	David Bryan	5,849.3%
Abbottsburg	John Brisson	1,150%
Watha Praise Fellowship	Braxton Price	322.3%

GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING – HISPANIC

Church	Pastor	Amt. Given
King of Kings Hisp.	Idelfonso Vargas	$1,504.55
Gospel Tabernacle Hisp.	Fernando Angulo	$1,419.20
Bethel Hisp.	Alfredo Vargas	$1,000.00

**Reflects figures from 2005.*

The following awards were given to churches that broke conference-preset barriers in the categories of A.M. Worship Attendance, Membership and Systematic Bible Study Attendance (Sunday School). Congratulations!

BREAKING BARRIERS AWARDS

Alert	David Blake	AM Worship – 50
Benson	Mark Fields	Membership – 202
Clinton First	Gary Strickland	Membership – 514
Ebenezer	Vernon Potter	Membership – 65
King of Kings	Idelfonso Vargas	AM Worship – 105
Liberty *(Rocky Mount District)*	Anthony Smith	Membership – 50
Light & Salvation	Jose Serrano	Membership – 105
Missionary	Johnny Walters	AM Worship – 52
Mount Carmel	Wiley Hughes	AM Worship – 401
Oasis	Abraham Rodriguez	Membership – 200
Roper	Taylor Latham	Membership – 102
Springs of Living Wtr.	Tim Leggett	AM Worship – 56
Trenton	I.C. Wyatt	Syst. Bible Study – 52
Word of God *(Raleigh District)*	Jose Siliezar	AM Worship – 140
Fountain of Love	Rodolfo Olivo	Membership – 150 Syst. Bible Study–100
Rivers of Living Wtr.	Jose Cruz	Membership – 80 AM Worship – 110
Rivers of Revival	Enrry Cantarero	Membership – 52 AM Worship – 60
The Tabernacle	Arnoldo Santibañez	AM Worship – 60 Syst. Bible Study – 50
Word of God *(Wilmington District)*	Manuel Bautista	Membership – 65 AM Worship – 90 Syst. Bible Study – 50

Breaking Barriers Awards Winners

A Letter From the Director...

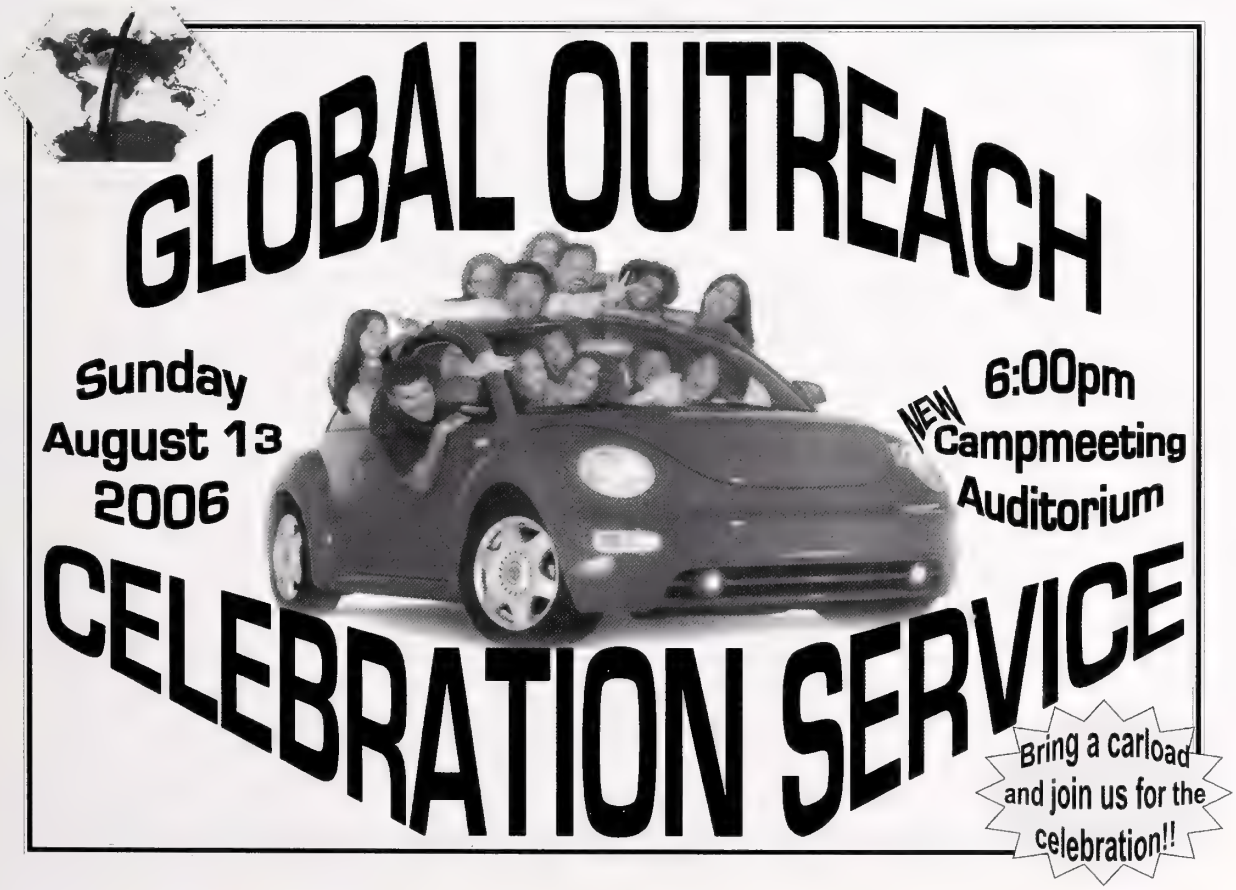
As I write these words, the 2006 Quadrennial Conference is now three weeks past, and we are engaged in a new four-year cycle. We are truly blessed in the NC Conference! We have a great heritage on which to build and further the Kingdom. Evangelism and World Missions Ministries have enjoyed great blessings over the past four years. More churches are Missions-conscious and actively participating in the worldwide harvest. Our total missions giving for 2001 was $1,324,200. That figure increased to $1,646,133 at the end of 2005, an increase of 24%! To God be the glory, and heartfelt thanks to all our pastors and congregations! However, before we gloat, let's remember we've only scratched the surface. It is my goal, quite achievable, to reach $2,000,000. Though the majority of our churches have a viable, growing Missions' ministry, we yet have quite a number who have not caught the vision. My desire is to see every church get into the global harvest, and the key is the pastor!

The last four years brought significant increases in membership in the conference. God blessed us with over 50 new/organized churches. As I write this, we are in close fellowship with several existing Hispanic congregations and several new congregations; we are in fellowship with several black congregations with growing possibilities of receiving them into the IPHC. Fellowship is also taking place with several Native American congregations with the same prospects. This year may be our greatest year ever, with new congregations becoming a part of us and a great harvest of souls through outreach and revival.

The C-1000 ministry is going well, and in 2007, we will expand the "Model Church Strategy" into all the districts with teaching and training to revitalize existing churches. This training will be offered for six months in six separate locations simultaneously, plus two Spanish-teaching locations!

NC Conference Evangelism Board
Pictured Left to Right:
Front Row: Jeff Bartlett, Luis Avila, Danny Nelson, director
Row 2: Alfredo Vargas, Doug Bartlett, Tom Johnson, Jonathan Griffin
Row 3: Vernon Potter, Ray Faircloth, Paul Edwards, Vance Harrell
Last Row: John Parker, Phillip Bland, Ashley Smith, Luke Long
Not Pictured: Allen Mayo

The church planters' school will take place Sept. 21-23, 2006, in Falcon, and I am greatly anticipating the training and results. Much more could be written, but let me conclude by saying "Thank you" to everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve my Lord and you in the capacity of director of Evangelism and World Missions for the next four years. Thank you for the vote of confidence and support. Remember all that we do is "INVESTING IN ETERNITY!"



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"Partners in Ministry"

Preparing the Way of the Lord

When you drive through the countryside this time of year, you will see a very familiar sight. Farmers are out in their fields preparing land and sowing seeds for their harvest. The harvest is several weeks away; ahead there is a lot of work to be done.

After the planting has been done, there come the cultivating and preparing of the soil. The farmers must be prepared for any bad weather or insects that may come along before the harvest and possibly destroy the harvest.

We are much like the farmer. We are busy preparing the way for the Lord. God has chosen us to work His land. We must cultivate and prepare the *soul*. We must sow the seed of His Word into everyone with whom we come in contact by teaching them and living the Christian life before them. We must be wary of the storms of life and the pestilence from Satan that threaten to destroy souls before they are safely in heaven with Jesus.

If we walk with Him, live for Him, and pray to Him, He will provide the necessary tools for us to work with. Let us be the farmers God has called us to be. Luke 9:38 says this: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." This verse has two points:

1. Jesus admonishes all believers to be constantly aware that the lost have an invaluable, everlasting soul and must spend eternity in heaven or hell and that many of them can be saved only if someone presents the gospel to them.
2. He never said there was not anyone to work the fields. He said there were a "few" laborers. Will you be one of the laborers to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ? Together we can be His farmers and bring in a bountiful harvest of souls for eternity!

Looking Ahead: Dates to Remember:

Men's Advance
September 15 and 16
Falcon, NC
Call Ronnie Basden to register: 252-523-8380

DRUSA Golf Tournament
August 4
Wilson, NC
Call Jack Nicholson to register: 252-795-3756

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

When Sunday Schools Go Into Hibernation!

by Rev. Paul F. Evans
Pastor, Wilmington First Pentecostal Holiness Church
Secretary/Treasurer of NC CEM Board of Directors

It is a well-known fact that animals that hibernate do so in the winter. Sunday schools, however, go into hibernation during the summer. What happens is that the uncertain attendance due to vacations, and the staggered loss of teachers for the same reason stretch the resources of even the best or biggest churches. It is a time when uncertainty reigns, and a Sunday school superintendent is pushed to his limits trying to cover all the bases. In some situations, he may even find after he has arrived on a Sunday morning that one or more of his teachers are missing and have forgotten or neglected to let him know they would be out.

There are a number of ways to deal with this problem or situation. I will explore or suggest three. But first let me make two observations. One way some churches deal with the summer is to suspend certain programs and ministries. This is often a mistake because they lose momentum and find themselves playing catch-up in the fall. By the time things are running smoothly again, summer is back, and they are back to square one. It is far better to keep the program alive the whole summer than to have to resurrect the nearly dead! The second problem with hibernation is like mine when I take an afternoon nap: I am likely to wake up groggy, disoriented, and a little (sometimes a lot) grumpy! Sunday schools that are suspended or put into low gear during the summer tend to do the same thing. When they reawaken in the fall, they are wobbly and difficult to enthuse! In practical terms, this means reinventing the wheel by having to find staff, redistribute literature, check on classrooms, and redirect students to the right places, all of which is wasted energy when you realize that with a little planning, you can make the summer a meaningful time during that key the hour before church, or whenever you do Sunday school.

Here are three suggestions for breathing life into your Sunday school or maybe just keeping things moving forward. Number one: Everyone in Sunday school leadership should anticipate this period of time and be prepared to step into the gap or help provide help where it is needed. Here is a suggestion for Sunday school superintendents: recruit summer teachers from the congregation who will be prepared to make a short two-month commitment to teach. Give your regular teachers a two-month vacation, and this will free them up to go on vacation or just relax. Your regular teachers won't be gone all summer long, so you can still use them to fill the gaps when your summer substitutes need to take their vacations. At the very least, approach several competent people in the church and ask them to prepare two to three lessons for some of your key classes, and ask them to be prepared to teach when the regular teachers need to be out. Then tell your teachers that you have their vacation times covered, and encourage them to let you know ahead of time so that you can prepare the substitutes. In this way, you will avoid Sunday morning surprises, and your regular teachers will be more likely to let you know when they plan to be gone.

Number two: Plan an unusual or special Sunday school event for the end of the summer; maybe even coincide it with VBS, to which everyone is invited. Plan to have a meal sponsored by the Sunday school after the morning worship service, and ask the teachers to encourage their classes to participate in the ceremonies. Maybe even ask the pastor if you can have the whole morning period, including service time. Plan some music, special singing with the children, awards giving, testimonies, even dramas and other exciting things that the teachers can plan and practice as part of the Sunday school program during the summer weeks. Even let the children plan to bring some sort of food item to the meal! In this way, Sunday school will maintain its focus and central place in the activities of the church during the long summer weeks when it is often less stable and less exciting.

Number three: Plan an outdoor activity, outing, or Sunday school at the park or beach for one Sunday morning. This special event can be advertised at the beginning of the summer and include teaching and refreshments, a program, and other special ministries. The benefit of an outdoor activity or event is that it will expose your community or city to the ministry and people of the church. By doing something of this kind, you might be able to combine the event with a recruitment or witnessing program. Look for special children's evangelists or ministries that would provide a quality program for you on that day. Make sure your church and Sunday school put their best foot forward and represent your ministry well and professionally. In other words, plan well. This event does not have to be on Sunday morning, either. You can have "Sunday school" event like this on any day of the week. The key is to make it special enough that those who come to Sunday school will maintain their excitement for what the Lord is doing throughout the summer in anticipation of this special day. Involve your classes, even the small children, in making the plans and preparations for the event, and let them have some special assignment or responsibility on that day.

If you have any other ideas, please let your local and conference CEM directors know so that we can all share the knowledge. Be blessed!

Youth Night at Falcon Camp Meeting

Saturday, August 12, 2006
Service Begins at 6:00 p.m.
Speaker: Blaine Bartel

MEET BLAINE

For more than a quarter of a century, Blaine Bartel has served what he believes is the hope of the world, the local church. During the past two years, he has been the associate pastor of Church on the Move, which has a membership of 12,000 and is respected worldwide for its innovative ministry to both adults and young people. Blaine has served his pastor, Willie George, in a variety of capacities for more than two decades.

Bartel is the founding youth pastor and one of the key strategists in the creation of Oneighty, which has become one of the most emulated youth ministries in the past decade, reaching 2500-3000 students weekly under his leadership.

Blaine is also the founder of Thrive Communications, an organization dedicated to serving those who shape the local church. A recognized authority on young people and successful parenting, Bartel is a best-selling author with 12 books published in 4 languages. He is one of the most sought-after speakers in his field; more than one million people from over 40 countries have attended Blaine Bartel's live seminars or speaking engagements.

His work has been featured in major media, including *The Washington Post*, CBS's *The Early Show*, *The 700 Club*, and *Seventeen* magazine, as well as newspapers, radio programs, and Internet media worldwide.

Blaine is currently raising up a new community of believers committed to relevant ministry and evangelism. Northstar Church will open its doors in the growing north Dallas suburb of Frisco, Texas, in the fall of 2006.

Bartel's commitment to creating an enduring legacy that will impact the world is surpassed only by his passion for family as a dedicated father of three children and a loving husband to his wife of more than 20 years, Cathy.

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"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

–Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

2007 Theme "Lift Your Head"

I try always to be in a listening mode for the voice of the Lord to speak to me and/or the conference. I desire not to miss any word or direction the Lord would give.

Several months ago, the presiding bishop used a phrase in our General Executive Board meeting. Bishop Leggett mentioned the phrase, "Lift Your Head," and gave a few scriptural thoughts.

Immediately the phrase captivated my heart. After thought and prayer, I knew this would be the conference theme for 2007. I shared my thoughts with the conference board, who confirmed my thinking. Allow me to briefly introduce the theme.

Let's begin with Psalm 3:1-3. "LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah. But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head."

Challenges abound for the church and the individual Christian. This has always been true for God's faithful. This passage was written when David was fleeing before his son Absalom, who was trying to take the throne. David had temporarily lost his throne. He was still king, but he was not ruling. All seemed to be lost. Heads were hanging low.

David had always faced many enemies. Remember the lion, the bear, and Goliath? He had been in constant battle with the Philistines. He had challenges within his own nation. Even King Saul was misled and tried to take David's life. Now the enemy was from within his own family. His own son was trying to kill him.

He found strength in the Lord, who had been and would again be his shield. Jehovah was the focus of his life – his glory, the theme of all the songs of this warrior-poet-king. Salvation and sustaining power would come from the Lord. As he lifted his head through the strength of the Lord and looked up, he would be changed and would receive strength to carry on, to fight through the current challenge, and, yes, regain his throne.

The church today is under constant attack both in "Christian" America and around the world. There are commotions outside and inside. Note the passage in Luke 21:25-28: "There shall be signs in the sun, and the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and **lift up your heads**; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Luke discusses the end time. He mentions external commotions in verse 25: "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity." He mentions internal commotions in verse 26: "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke's answer to these problems was the Son of Man: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (v. 28).

The same answer is relevant to the church and the individual Christian today. It is not a time to look down, to hang the head in defeat, but a time to look up because of who He is, who we are in Him, and what He has called us to do. God is on the throne! The church *is* still God's institution. The Holy Spirit (God) is here, and He is moving. The church and time are on schedule. Redemption and *not* destruction draweth nigh.

Remember, Mary wept in the garden. It was the time of the resurrection. (Note John 20:15ff.) Her Lord had been killed, and now His body was gone. But then His voice came – "... Mary! She turned herself, and saith unto Him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master" (v. 16). In essence, she lifted her head and looked into His eyes. His words and presence comforted and changed her. She obeyed, and her life was never the same. Neither were the people around her the same.

Yes, today attacks are against the church from the outside – media, government, society, etc. Yes, there are attacks from the inside – arrogance, carnality, theological looseness, materialism, and distraction (misdirected vision). It is time for the church to lift her head again and look into His presence. He has a word for the church. It is time for the church to lift her head, hear, and then obey in **true worship**, **evangelism**, **discipleship**, and **Spirit-directed ministry**.

The NC Conference has a job to do. Our job – even more, our very life – is to do His will. We are to be as our Lord was: "My meat is to the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34).

Time is short. We must act! "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

May we "lift up our heads" into His presence, then move forward with our eyes on the harvest and the future. A person cannot move ahead quickly by looking at his feet. He must lift his head and lift his eyes. He drives a straighter course when his eyes are focused on the future – on the goal.

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Katherine Hughes Parson
October 12, 1938 – June 7, 2006

On June 7, 2006, Reverend Mrs. Katherine Hughes Parson found a place to cross over and went home to be with the Lord. Sister Parson had been battling cancer for over three years. She is now released and victorious with the Lord. She is home from the hospital one last time.

Katherine Parson was a delightful Christian minister. She had a song and sang it well. Her song was "Praising her Savior all the day long." Praise Him she did. She always had a smile. Even in the midst of adversity, her smile and faith were strong.

Her Celebration of Life service was held June 10 at the Sanford Church of God. She and her husband, Rev. Jesse Parson, had attended there for a season after their last pastorate. They presently were attending the Hope Mills Church.

These ministers participated in the service: Rev. Wiley Hughes; Rev. Steve Edmondson; Rev. Eugene Powers; Rev. David Bryan, nephew; Rev. Agnes Douglas; and Bishop Chris Thompson. The service was concluded at the Grace Chapel Church Cemetery, where Sister Parson was interred. However, she is not there; she is with the Lord.

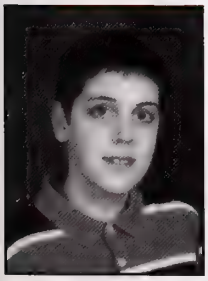
Sister Katherine Parson was a preacher and teacher who ministered beside her husband for years and supported his pastorates. She was an effective preacher of the gospel and a local church minister of the NC Conference. She received such license on October 21, 1971, at the Chadbourn District Conference. When able, she continued her ministry while teaching Sunday school at the Hope Mills Church in recent years.

Together she and her pastor husband ministered in the pastorate for 40 years, serving the following churches: Aberdeen, St. Paul's, Thunder Swamp, Snow Hill, West Road, Bethany, Farmville, and Boardman. They pastored the St. Paul's Church twice, for a total of 18 years.

We will miss this great lady of the faith, but she is not lost to us. We know where she is!

—Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Prayer of Thanks and Confession



On the first Sunday of April, Kellon Priest's father was saved and joined the church. The family attended on the third Sunday morning; when they went home, Kellon went to his room and wrote the confession and the prayer. When a copy was given to me, I read it and was amazed that a 13-year-old boy could write such a beautiful, meaningful prayer. I read it two or three times and was so impressed I wanted many others to see it.

He is one of the nicest, most lovable 13-year-olds I have ever known.

His grandparents have been friends of mine for more than 50 years. They are the kind of people you want for friends.

—Tim Henry, Pastor
Red Springs, PH Church

My Prayer of Thanks and Confession

Almighty Lord my God, I thank you for guiding my hand in life through your children, my mentors. I thank you for all the things I have, the things that are essential to life, and the things I have for my enjoyment. I thank you for showing me your love, mercy, faith, and hope, and I wait for the day you will come down and smite all evil off earth and destroy the sins of man. I thank you for sending me here, and I realize why you did. I realize you sent me to earth so I could share the good news of the gospel and show others your power and glory as you have showed me. I thank you for sending your son, Jesus Christ, so He could destroy the sins of man. And even though we still sin, I know you will succeed in the evil day, and in that day, I will stand in your full armor and fight the good fight of faith.

Almighty God, I admit I have sinned throughout my life. I ask for your help in not only repenting for those sins, but apologizing to the people I have sinned against and forgiving myself for sinning. I ask that you guide me through the steps to destroy the sins I have committed and all of my sins that are waiting to happen. I ask that you show me the light to this dark world, and I ask that you show all others your light. I ask you to help me use my compassion that came from you, to do things you want me to do. I ask you to help me use your Word to show people your power and your glory. I ask that you show me what to do in this world of sinners and nonbelievers. I ask you to give me as many gifts as you can; I am desperate to do some good in this world, and I want to help the hungry, the homeless, the handicapped, and the poor. I ask you, how do I help these miserable people? I want to use my gifts to help people, not myself. I know I have been selfish, and too many times I have taken a bite out of something and thrown it away, or bought something and only used it once without thinking about the people who could use these things and not waste them. I ask that you help me do these things to be a better person, like you changed Saul the wicked into Paul the greatest of apostles. I ask that you please change my life around and help me repent for my sins by doing good deeds for others. I realize that truest happiness can only come from serving you, and that is what I want to do. All of this is summed up in one thing: I ask you to help me dedicate my life to serving you.

In the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, I pray. Amen.

—Kellon Priest

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Fox Fever: Exploring Both the Will and the Skill to Obey Christ's Great Commission to Turn People Into Disciples

by Herb Hodges. Chelsea, Michigan: Sheridan Books. 282 pages.

Since spiritual multiplication is God's planned vision and strategy for reaching the world's population and all future generations until Christ returns, through those we win and train now, we are constrained to labor to improve our methods and approaches to making disciples. With 53 years of experience and 160 discipleship-training trips overseas, Herb Hodges is uniquely qualified to write a book on world-impacting discipleship.

Fox Fever, a sequel to *Tally Ho! The Fox*, contains 13 chapters that provide the nuts and bolts of maintaining an effective discipleship program for the pastor and church that are consumed with God and His purpose. The New Testament model of the church does more than inspire and show the possibilities. It reveals how the Holy Spirit used the Church to fulfill the Great Commission to the glory of God. The mandate of ministry requires believers to lift up their eyes, gird up their loins, and take up their cross. As the Church marches forward, the "sure companionship of Jesus" bolsters believers to do what Jesus commanded through purposefully going, baptizing, and teaching disciples.

Most pastors would agree that motivation is a key factor in disciple making. Someone said, "Most church attendants are like Halloween pumpkins or jack-o'-lanterns – a lot of smiles, but no feet." The disciple-making movement requires Christians to have feet and use those feet in "going." This book will encourage disciple makers and call those young in the Lord to disciple making. All Christians must give themselves entirely to the lifetime vocation of spiritual multiplication. Aborting the mission is not and never will be an option!

In a day when people's lives are being driven and motivated by petty things, it is refreshing to find a committed disciple maker spreading the word to encourage others to take seriously the divine mandate of the Great Commission. With so little time remaining, we must be about our Father's business by going forth and multiplying disciples. Let us strain forward toward those things that are before us.

Jonathan Edwards: A Life

by George M. Marsden. New Haven: Yale University Press. 615 pages.

Just as honey may be extracted from the beehive, and the meat of a freshly fried trout taken from the bones, so can good be drawn from the life and writings of Jonathan Edwards, the heralded preacher of the 18th century. While the book contains voluminous information about Edwards, it is also rich in facts about early American culture and the influences of religion and politics.

Marsden makes clear that the book is not a theological work or an intellectual biography of Edwards, but more about the life of Edwards as a person, a public figure, and a thinker in his own time and place. As with any extensive biography, some sections may seem a bit boring, as the reader sinks amidst the details that make a good record for posterity but do little to enhance the narrative or story. But for those who care about this amazing person and the influences of his life on American literature and history, the resolve to finish the work and extract the good from it will suffice.

Jonathan Edwards, famous for his sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," wrote extensively about his life and about theology. His theological writings, often written in times of turmoil, wars, and difficult life in general, contain a timeless element and challenge and hearten believers today. He believed "God's trinitarian essence is love. God's purpose in creating the universe in which sin is permitted must be to communicate that love to creatures. The highest love is sacrificial love for the undeserving."

The Great Awakening of 1741-1742 and later "awakenings" proved important parts of what God was doing in America. This towering figure of the early religious life of America helped make sense of what God and Satan were doing in those days.

The well-documented book is recommended to those who love American history and culture and seek to understand the religious battles and the forging of truth by a Reformer who remained unwavering in his commitment to his Redeemer and unshakable in his convictions.

Finding Your Greater Yes: Living a Life That Echoes in Eternity

by Dan Erickson. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Everyone is committed to something or someone. In this postmodern era, many are committed to themselves and strive relentlessly for the maximum immediately self-gratifying experiences possible. Such is the life of multiple little, trivial yeses. Erickson writes this book from the heart and from the knowledge he has gained through study and life experiences. It is not an academic book but a book of passion and encouragement for those who know there is more to life than getting. The author points to God-given passions and desires and seeks to inspire all

believers to stretch themselves in life and find meaning by doing God's will.

Erickson comes at the reader in a fast-paced, hard-hitting, eye-opening style designed to quicken the emotions and imagine the possibilities. Heart-searching questions included at the conclusion of each chapter are designed to help the reader move toward the "Greater Yes," or highest potential a person may reach in this life.

Most people desire their lives to count for something, to echo for eternity. According to Erickson, seven factors help to deploy your "Greater Yes!" (1) You will become whom you soar with – address your altitude; (2) You have to forget what lies behind – address your past; (3) You have to descend to find true greatness – address your attitude; (4) You have to give yourself away – address your blessing; (5) You have to mark where God is moving – address your impact; (6) You have to never give up – address your persistence; (7) You have to realize it is about how you end the race, not how you start it – address your finish!

For those who yield and conform to the divine process, God will transform the life to the Greater Yes. Part of the equation, of course, is leaving the choice with God, who knows everyone's highest potential. Only those who refuse to conform to the world, and allow the Lord to transform them, will achieve the Greater Yes in this present life. It is your God-supplied destiny. Happy Reading!

Miracles and Exercise

by Pastor Myrtle Jayroe

In pastoring New Creation Church, I get to pray for many people, one of whom was an evangelist who is a brother of one of our members. His doctor had told him his heart was partially dead. He could hardly walk across the room without being out of breath. He asked me to pray for him. I simply said, "Lord, give him a new heart." We had no evidence at that time that our prayers had been answered.

He called his sister in about a week and said, "Tell Mrs. Jayroe that her prayer has been answered." He had just returned from the doctor, who said, "You have a brand new heart!" He passed a stress test for the first time in 15 years and is traveling all over the world preaching the gospel.

Because of this miracle, I have been invited to his home-base church in Wilmington, Delaware, where I will be preaching three services back to back (Thursday night and Friday morning and night). For someone who just celebrated her 85th birthday, I knew it would be a challenge to build myself up spiritually and physically. I began increasing the miles on my exercise bike. Someone challenged me to do 100 miles in a month. I said, "Sure, I can do that." I managed that so easily they challenged me to do 85 miles in a week. I said, "No way!" But I thought more about it and said, "Yes, I can!" and did. The next week, I continued doing 10 miles a day. This brought my total for the month of May and June to 300 miles. I feel better than I've felt in years. To God be the glory! (Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.")

Retired Birthdays August/September

Rev. Kenneth Tart	August 4
Rev. W. H. Tyson	August 4
Rev. Edsel Hooks	August 9
Rev. J. H. Norton	August 18
Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell	August 19
Rev. T. H. Godwin	August 20
Rev. H. P. Woodard	August 22
Rev. Joe Arthur	August 26
Rev. W. V. Denning	August 26
Rev. Reuben Mosley	August 31
Rev. W. M. Cordon	September 1
Rev. George Weaver	September 5
Rev. Vernon Clark	September 6
Rev. Johnie Pollard	September 13
Rev. William Wooten	September 14
Rev. Ralph Jernigan	September 15
Rev. Hill Teachey	September 17
Rev. Jimmy C. Williams	September 17
Rev. Melvin Narron	September 26

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

August

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."
(Psalm 118:1)

Dear Women of God,

How do we say, "Thank you"? The NCWM board and I would like to express our appreciation for electing us to continue serving you for another four years. Director Patsy Deese, Assistant Director Janice Marshburn, Secretary-Treasurer Marjorie Teachey, and Board Member Terry Ann Boyette were re-elected by acclamation.

As many of you may know, Calvin and Lois Trueblood have moved to Virginia. We will miss Lois, and we trust the Lord will bless them in their ministry.

Darnell Nelms was nominated and elected as our new board member. She and her husband, Ricky, pastor the West Road PH Church in Kinston. The Lord has blessed her with wonderful, unique gifts and talents, and she is committed to giving her best to serve the Master. The NCWM Board and I are looking forward to working with Darnell. Darnell's portfolio will be Education. You will be hearing from her as plans are being made for Feast of Ingathering and promotion of our church schools.

Now, if you were at the convention, you know that Mr. Henry and I have been blessed with a grandson. Carter Henry Lee was born on May 23, and he is just right! You also had a chance to see the photograph of Mr. Henry holding Carter. He is a very proud Papa.

I have to tell you a story; I really can't keep a secret. A few weeks after our WM convention, I had to be in Dublin, Virginia, to officiate at the Appalachian WM convention. When I arrived, I gave one of the gentlemen my PowerPoint presentation to put on the screen. About two minutes before we were supposed to begin, he called me to the side and asked me if that was the only CD I had with me. It was, but it wasn't what I thought; instead of the presentation, it was pictures of our new grandson. I had forgotten to take that CD out of my bag. I'm glad the Word says, *"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine"* (Proverbs 17:22). The ladies who were watching us and trying to figure out what was going on had a good laugh, and it really did break the ice.

Food for thought: we are serving an awesome God, and He can take any situation and help us make the best of it! May the Lord put a song in your heart and a smile on your face as you serve Him and remember, *together we can make a difference!*

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

North Carolina Women's Ministries Board: Patsy C. Deese, director; Janice Marshburn, assistant director; Marjorie Teachey, secretary-treasurer; and Terry Ann Boyette and Darnell Nelms, board members.

IMPORTANT CHANGES FROM THE 2006 NCWM CONVENTION:

No. 1: The Annual Evaluation – Conference project is now $1.50 per member. This needs to be adjusted by the end of the year.

Executive officers (director, assistant director, secretary-treasurer) of the local WM must be certified by the General WM within one year of selection/election. This will affect the points on the annual evaluation, which was mandated by the Resolutions Committee at this convention.

(Please call 405-787-7110 Ext. 3227 to order the new manual; cost is $10.00 each; open book test is included.)

POTPOURRI....

Here are a few helpful hints for the lazy days of summer:

- Sunburn – Empty a jar of Nestea into the bath water.
- Pam cooking spray will remove paint and grease from your hands.
- Are you having trouble removing labels off glassware, etc.? Rub with peanut butter.
- How about those grass stains? Karo Syrup will help remove them.

Wiley and Jean Clark

Retired Ministers Department

Wiley T. Clark, Director

John and Della Slye
Celebrating 60 Years of Married Life

Retired Ministers Department Board (L to R): Blanche S. Pollard, secretary; Wiley T. Clark, director; J. Frank Gentry, Elton E. Lancaster, and W. David Butts, board members. Not pictured: King E. White and Ralph W. Jernigan.

A New "Kid" on the Block

Well, that's not exactly true. Many of you will recall that for many years, I submitted copy to the *Evangel* in promotion of the Christian Education Department activities back in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Now, I'm back doing the same thing, but this time to promote the activities of the Retired Ministers Department and to share news about what's going on with our retired ministers and their spouses.

During these 30 intervening years, I have been privileged to serve at the General level of the church. In 1975, at Columbia, SC, I was elected to succeed Karl W. Bunkley as General Sunday school president. In 1981, I was elected to serve as superintendent of Falcon Children's Home.

All these various positions have presented me with real challenges, and I have considered each as the will of God. But somehow, I never thought or realized I was getting older (maybe with the exception of brief moments!). Now here I am, all grown up and retired! Know what? I'm beginning to enjoy it. One of those enjoyments is working with my fellow retirees. I look forward to the next few years, laboring with and for you in the ministries of our department. When the conference decided to give me a page in the *Evangel*, I quickly decided to give it to you, our senior ministers, and let it reflect, as much as possible, what's going on in *our* world. So keep your bifocals or magnifying glass handy. I hope your page will be interesting and informative every month. —WTC

Retired Ministers Retreat a Great Success

Our fifth Retired Ministers Retreat, May 7-9, was one of the best. Rev. Terry Tramel, instructor at Oklahoma Christian University, formerly Southwestern Christian College, was the invited speaker. He was greatly anointed of the Lord, and those attending were blessed by his ministry. We were privileged to have the children and grandchildren of retired ministers bring special music. The Jay Stone Singers, son of the late Rev. J. B. Stone, and the Lewis Family Singers, children of Rev. Harold Lewis, ministered in song on Monday and Tuesday evenings, respectively.

The attendance was very good, even on Wednesday morning, some having to leave early. Of special note was the decision by our retired ministers to purchase the pulpit for the new J. A. Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle. Immediately, checks started coming in, and in a few weeks the pulpit was paid for in full.

Superannuate – Out! Retired Minsters – In!

At the 2006 Quadrennial Conference held in Falcon, the conference membership officially gave our department a new name. We have used the term "Retired Ministers" unofficially for about four years. Retired ministers have been referred to as "superannuated" for many years, and the retirement program for the conference was called the "Superannuate Program." However, the meaning of the word is "to set aside as or become old-fashioned or obsolete" or "too old and worn out for further work or service; outdated." I know the use of the word was never meant to reflect in any way on our retired ministers, but for some it was offensive. When the conference changed to wording to "retired ministers," our newly elected conference leadership decided to go all the way and eliminate the word *superannuate* in all references to retired ministers and programs in the conference; thus, we have a new name, the Retired Ministers Department, and a Retired Ministers Constitution (the document of guidelines for our conference retirement program).

The Retired Ministers Constitution has been updated and mailed from our conference bishop's office to every minister in the conference. The quadrennial conference increased the obligations to the program but also increased some of the basic benefits. Since the conference, our conference board has granted an additional increase in benefits, which will be realized in our monthly checks beginning in August 2006.

Those retired ministers in our conference who had the foresight to participate in this program are now realizing its benefits. Nowhere in any retirement program can anyone receive back within two years almost as much as he contributed in his lifetime of participation. This, of course, is possible because of 24 percent of al ministers' and churches' tithe received by the conference goes directly into the retirement fund.

If I were a young minister just beginning, I would make sure I was part of this program.

Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard Receives Honor

It's not often anyone pulls anything over on Ms. Blanche Pollard, but her home church, Thunder Swamp, pulled one over on her that she will not soon forget.

Cooperating with our "May, Retired Ministers Month" emphasis, the church decided to honor this good lady on May 28 during the morning worship service. Their new pastor, Rev. Steve Dixon, took the lead in expressing the church's love and admiration for her lifetime of dedicated service to the kingdom of God.

Rev. Pollard is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Richard J. Sasser. She is a graduate of Holmes Bible College and for many years served as secretary to the late Conference Superintendent W. Eddie Morris. She was married to the late Mr. Johnie Pollard of Vanceboro, NC. Blanche has been involved in conference work for many years, serving on various boards and committees, plus pastoring churches, teaching Sunday school, and working in youth camps and Women's Ministries activities.

Since moving to Mount Olive, she has become a pillar of faithfulness and strength to the Thunder Swamp Church. All the activities of the day were done in her honor.

Blanche is a member of the Retired Ministers Board of our conference. All her fellow board members join her church in applauding this deserving lady. We thank her for her witness to the Lord.

John and Della Slye Celebrate 60th Anniversary

On Sunday morning, June 11, Pastor Berry House and the Liberty Church in Goldsboro honored the Rev. and Mrs. John Slye as they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married June 1, 1946. But that's not all: John turned 85 on June 9, and Della turned 84 on June 12, so the church celebrated their birthdays as well.

The choir, praise team, and special singers sang some of Rev. Slye's favorite songs. Dexton and Shelby Mozingo and Patsy Gurley shared some special memories of things that took place during their pastorate at the Tabernacle Church. And Doris Sasser gave a brief history of the Slyes' ministry.

John was ordained in the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1962. He pastored eight churches over his ministry career. He and Mrs. Slye provided leadership in the building of church and educational buildings and in remodeling and furbishing of those sanctuaries where they pastored. More importantly, they were effective soul winners.

Following the morning service, they enjoyed a delicious dinner and were presented many cards and gifts. That evening, Brother Slye shared some of their experiences over their 27 years of pastoring. There were laughter and tears. It was a good day, well deserved and deeply appreciated by their honored guests.

Retired Ministers Purchase Pulpit for New Tabernacle

On the closing day of the Retired Ministers Retreat in May, Rev. Wiley Clark presented the idea of the retired ministers of our conference purchasing the pulpit for the new J. A. Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle. Rev. Roland Harrell, coordinator of the Tabernacle project, informed the group that the cost was $1800. After a brief discussion, it was felt this was a reasonable project for the retired ministers of our conference to assume. It was decided that each minister would be asked to contribute $25, if possible, to the project. Some have given much more. We want to thank each of you who have given.

Coming up!

Retired Ministers Camp Meeting Luncheon

Saturday, August 12

Conference Dining Room – Falcon

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Desire Observe Expectation Rest

"It's my desire to be like Jesus."

I. **Desire** – Hope originates in desire. **Desire**: An emotion or excitement of the mind, directed to the attainment or possession of an object from which pleasure, intellectual or spiritual, is expected, a wanting. A desire is a wish to possess some gratification or source of happiness, which is supposed to be obtained. In other languages, desire is expressed by longing or reaching toward something. Our desire as Christians should be to **want** to be like Jesus:

- A lover of God the Father
- A friend of man – Proverbs 17:17 – "A friend loveth at all times."
- Having an excitement about the things of God
- Possessing the truth of God's Word
- Obtaining strength, peace, and joy through your relationship with God the Father
- Expecting to be heard when you pray
- Knowing that God will reward your desire to please Him
- Knowing you are longing to reach your heavenly home

Jesus – a friend of the Father, Adam (a sinner), Moses (a murderer), David (a shepherd), Mary Magdalene (disposed of seven demons), fisherman (common man), Abraham ("Friend of God" – 2 Chronicles 20:7)

A true Christian brother and friend covers (bring to reconciliation) and loves; he does not expose the sin of others.

- Noah's nakedness (Gen. 9:20)
- Ham uncovered Noah
- Shem and Japheth covered Noah (father's sin)

Prov. 18:24 – "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly, and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

It's my desire to be like Jesus!

II. **Observe** – to watch, alert; to keep or hold – the sense is to hold in view or to keep the eye on; to see or behold with some attention; to notice; as to observe a halo round the moon. **Observe**: to keep, to remember, and take notice. Watchfulness – the state of spiritual alertness.

- Watchfulness – prayer – Ephesians 6:18
- Daily living – 1 Cor. 16:13
- Times of testing – Luke 21:34-36
- Waiting for Christ's return – Matt. 24:42-51; 25:13

Watchfulness (against)

- False teachers – Acts 20:29-31
- Our words – Psalm 141:3
- Failure – Hebrews 12:15
- Temptation – Mark 14:38

Ephesians 6:18 – Watchful Prayer

- "Pray at all times [on every occasion, in every season] in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints [God's consecrated people]" (Amplified Bible).
- Daily living – "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men [women] of courage; be strong. Do everything in love" (1 Cor. 16:13, NIV).

Luke 21:36 – Be Alert

- "But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man" (New Am. Standard Bible).

Matt. 24:42 – Waiting for Christ's Return

- "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your death come" (KJV).
- "Watch therefore [give strict attention, be cautious and active] for you do not know in what kind of a day [whether a near or remote one] your Lord is coming" (Amp. Bible).

III. **Expectation** – the act of expecting or looking forward to a future event with at least some reason to believe the event will happen; looking forward, hopefully

Psalm 62:5-8 – "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him" (v. 5).

IV. **Rest** – quiet, repose, a state free from motion or disturbance; a state of reconciliation to God; sleep; as, retire to rest. The final sleep: death.

Matt. 11:28 – "Learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest to your souls."

Jer. 6:16 – "Thus says the Lord: stand by the roads and look; and ask for the eternal paths, where the good, old way is then walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls" (Amp. Bible).

Matt. 11:28 – "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest, [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls]."

Come to the Times of Prayer during camp meeting at the Octagon Tabernacle @8:30 p.m. and before the evening service in the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium.

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What Kind of Fish Are in Your Net?

One day Jesus stood by a lake looking out at two boats. Even though people were pressing upon Him to teach them the word, for a moment He was focused on something else. Not only was He looking at the boats, but He was also looking at the men who had been on the boats. He knew before He even went toward them that their night of fishing was a total flop.

As Jesus stood by the lake, He had a plan. He approached the docks and boarded one of the boats. To make sure He had the attention of the fisherman, He asked Peter if he would push Him away from the docks just enough so the people could not get to Him, but they could hear Him.

You see, though Jesus often preached and taught multitudes of people, this particular message was to be directed to Peter, James, and John. To make sure they had heard what He said, when He finished, He asked Peter to load the nets on the boat and cast them one more time. His influence was so strong that Peter and the others went out in the boats, and, because they listened to Jesus, they caught more fish than they could handle.

After returning to the docks, Jesus knew He had delivered His message so that they understood what He was about to call them to do. He said these words to them: "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men" (Luke 5:10). Immediately, they left their nets and followed Jesus, according to Matthew 4:20.

Jesus is standing by today, looking at us. He has a plan for us, just as He did for Peter, James, and John. The problem is that we seem to be too busy to hear the message Jesus is speaking to us. He is clearly calling to us: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). There are men out there who are lost and going to hell because the godly men are not becoming "fishers of men." We need to remember that Jesus chose us to follow Him, just as he chose Peter, James, and John.

John 15:16-17 records these words of Christ: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, that ye love one another."

What are you going to do? Are you going to stay in "your boat" and keep "fishing" as you have always done while men die and go to hell, or are you going to hear the call of Jesus, leave your nets, and become fishers of men?

—Ronnie Basden
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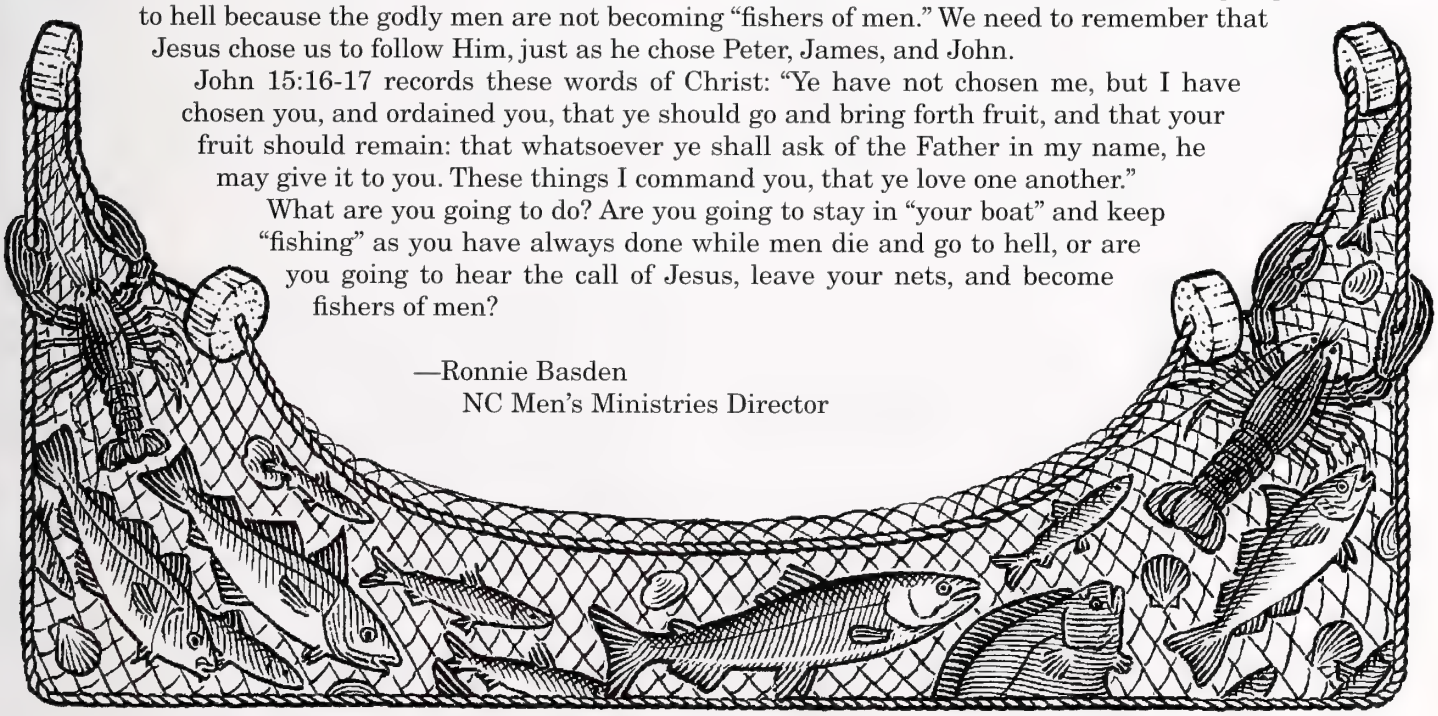

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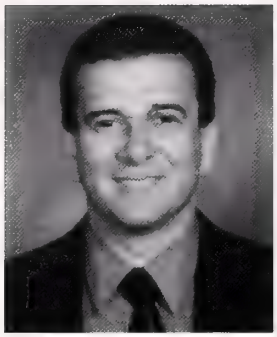

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

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Formando Ministerios en la Iglesia Local Parte III

En un poderoso mensaje que predicó nuestro Obispo Chris Thompson en la dedicación del nuevo edificio en la iglesia hispana Bethel de St Paul; dijo que nosotros los hijos de Dios, la iglesia de Cristo, somos gente que se caracteriza por varios aspectos. Somos la gente de la resurrección, gente de la presencia de Dios, gente de oración, gente del perdón, gente de pureza, gente de poder, gente de la proclamación y gente de las promesas. Todo eso es en función del llamamiento de Dios a cada uno de nosotros como miembros del cuerpo de Cristo, para ministrar a El y al mundo. Pensando en todo lo anterior, entendemos que estamos capacitados por Dios para ministrar a la gente. Pero la realidad es que una sola persona no puede ministrar a todas las necesidades de la gente; se necesitan varios individuos, varios equipos de trabajo y varias funciones y ministerios, organizados en programas con una visión y propósito definido. Esto es lo que vemos en el pasaje de Hechos 6:1-7, que hemos estado estudiando desde el mes de mayo.

Continuando con la reflexión de este tema, deseo compartir los últimos tópicos relacionados con la creación de nuevos ministerios en la iglesia local, con el propósito de ministrar a las necesidades de la gente, tanto de nuestros propios miembros, así como la comunidad entera donde está la iglesia. Primero permitame intentar resumir en una frase, cada una de las cosas en la secuencia de eventos sucedidos en este texto de la Escritura.

a. La iglesia de Jerusalem estaba creciendo
b. Se oyeron las quejas de que las necesidades de la viudas de los griegos no estaban siendo atentidas.
c. Los líderes descubren la necesidad, prestan atención y plantean una solución rápida y eficaz.
d. Participan al cuerpo de discípulos en encontrar la solución
e. Establecen prioridades y buscan involucrar a más personas en el ministerio
f. Asignan responsabilidades y delegan funciones a personas calificadas
g. Describen las cualidades que las personas deben tener para ejercer el ministerio
h. Colocan el número adecuado de personas que serían necesarias en esa función
i. Se fija la mentalidad de una diversificación de labores y personal para servir en los trabajos que requerían atención
j. Se le da lugar a la dirección del Espíritu Santo, guiando a la multitud para elegir a los 7 varones para servir en el ministerio de servir las mesas.
k. Fueron presentados ante el liderazgo mayor, para ser aprobados e investidos de autoridad delante de la multitud para servir en el ministerio
l. Se les delegó la función y se les envió para que sirvieran
m. El resultado fue positivo, "porque el número de los discípulos se multiplicaba grandemente en Jerusalem..." Hechos 6:7

De la lista anterior anotemos algunos pasos que podríamos dar al establecer nuevos ministerios de servicio en nuestras la iglesias:

1. Primero, como pastores del rebaño de Dios, debemos estar comprometidos con el crecimiento. El crecimiento en todas las áreas de la iglesia, debe ser su interés primordial. El crecimiento le permitirá crear más ministerios y colocar más personas en funciones específicas.
2. Descubra las necesidades, preste atención y encuentre soluciones rápidas, pero sabias sobre como resolver las situaciones que van surgiendo.
3. Busque la participación del cuerpo de creyentes, hay muchas maneras en las que ellos pueden aportar tiempo, recursos e ideas para hechar a andar un ministerio.
4. Establezca las prioridades en su iglesia, observe que es lo qué más necesita la obra de Dios, escriba y heche a andar un plan de trabajo.
5. Forme una lista de cualidades, descripción de labores y los dones que se necesitan para poner a servir personas en determinado ministerio. La idea de escribir un pequeño manual para cada ministerio, es importante, ya que permite a todos los que ingresan a ese ministerio saber todo lo relacionado con el mismo.
6. Esté seguro de poner el número correcto de personas para servir en un ministerio. Muchas veces se puede tener gente haciendo poco o casi nada en una área de trabajo, cuando estas personas deberían estar ejerciendo otras funciones.
7. Debes estar orientado por la visión que Dios te ha dado para la iglesia, no solo por las actividades que quiere realizar. Hay tantas cosas que se pueden poner a trabajar en la iglesia, pero todo a su tiempo y en orden.
8. La guía de Dios es determinante en el éxito y desarrollo de un ministerio. En mucha oración se pueden identificar bajo la dirección del Espíritu Santo, las áreas y las personas que pueden formar un nuevo ministerio.
9. Lógicamente que el liderazgo principal, en este caso el pastor y los ancianos, debe dar su aprobación acerca de quienes ejercerán funciones en áreas de trabajo. Los nuevos líderes en función deben ser reconocidos por el pastor, aprobados, capacitados y presentados ante la congregación o grupo de alcance, para que en oración queden oficialmente ordenados al a área de trabajo asignada.
10. Por último no olvide evaluar las funciones de cada persona, los problemas que van surgiendo, y la necesidad de corregir cuando sea necesario; tampoco olvide reconocer el buen trabajo. Es bueno recompensar con palabras, eventos y gestos especiales, la buena labor que sus obreros están llevando a cabo en la iglesia.

Necesitamos organizar la iglesia como un ejercito, bien unido y orientado por una visión y metas específicas en el alcance de lo que Dios ha diseñado para su comunidad. Hay

mucho que hacer y lo mejor aun está por venir, estemos preparados para recoger y retener la cosecha.

Felicitaciones al Pastor Alfredo Vargas

Por su nuevo edificio para la iglesia Bethel en St. Paul. También a su esposa e hijos por el esfuerzo en todo lo que han hecho para ver hoy realidad su sueño de tener un lugar propio para adorar a Dios y seguir el desarrollo de la obra. Felicitaciones también a la congregación Bethel por su pasión de alcanzar a la comunidad para Cristo. Sigan adelante!

Forming Ministries in the Local Church Part III

In a powerful message preached by our Bishop Chris Thompson in the dedication of the new building in the Bethel Hispanic church in St Paul, he mentioned that we, as children of God, the church of Christ, are people characterized by several aspects. We are the people of the resurrection, people of the presence of God, people of prayer, people of the pardon, people of purity, people of power, people of the proclamation, and people of the promises. All that is in the function of the call of God to each one of us as members of the body of Christ to minister to Him and to the world. Thinking of all the above, he said we understand that we are qualified by God to minister to the people. But the reality is that one single person is not able to minister to all the needs of the people; we need several individuals, several teams of workers, and several functions and ministries organized in programs with a vision and defined purpose. This is what we see in the passage of Acts 6:1-7 and what we have been studying since May.

Continuing with reflection on this topic, I want to share the last related aspects of the creation of new ministries in the local church, with the purpose of ministry to the needs of the people, to our own members as well as the whole community where the church is located. First of all, let me try to summarize in a sentence each one of these things in the sequence of events that happened in this written text from Acts.

a. The church of Jerusalem was growing.
b. They heard complaints about the needs of the Greek widows who were neglected.
c. The leaders discovered the need, paid attention, and expounded a quick and effective solution.
d. The body of disciples participated in finding the solution.
e. They established priorities and aimed to involve more people in the ministry.
f. They assigned responsibilities and delegated functions to qualified people.
g. They described the qualities people should have in order to exercise the ministry.
h. They placed the correct number of people necessary in that function.
i. They had the mentality of diversifying deeds and people to serve in the works that required attention.
j. They allowed the Holy Spirit, in guiding the multitude, to choose the seven men to serve in the ministry to the widows.
k. They presented the new leaders to the main leadership, in order to be approved and invested with authority before the multitude to serve in the ministry.
l. They delegated their functions and sent them to work.
m. The result was positive: "The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly…" (Acts 6: 7).

From the previous written list, there are some steps we could use in establishing new ministries of service in our churches:

1. First, as pastors of God's, people we should be committed to growth. Growth in all the areas of the church should be our primary interest. The growth will allow us to create more ministries and place more people in specific functions.
2. Discover needs, pay attention, and find quick but wise solutions in the situations that are arising.
3. Look for participation of the body of believers; there are many ways in which they could contribute time, resources, and ideas to move a ministry.
4. Establish priorities in your church; observe what are the more critical needs in the church of God; write and work with a plan.
5. Form a list of qualities, job descriptions, and the gifts you need in order to begin to serve people in determining ministries. The idea of writing a small manual for each ministry is important, since it allows all those who are getting into the ministry to know everything related to it.
6. Be sure to put the correct number of people to serve in a ministry. Many times we might have people doing little or almost nothing in one area of work, when these people could be exercising other functions.
7. Be guided by the vision God has given you for the church, and not only doing several activities that you want to carry out. There are many things we could begin to work on in the church, but everything should be in the proper time and in order.
8. God's direction is decisive in the success and development of a ministry. In much prayer we could identify, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, the areas and people for forming a new ministry.
9. Logically, the main leadership, in this case the pastor and the elders, should give their approval about who will exercise functions in all areas of work. The new leaders in each function should be recognized by the pastor, approved, trained, and presented in front of the congregation or group of workers so that they, in prayer, remain officially ordained to their assigned area of work.
10. Last, don't forget to evaluate the functions of each person, the problems that arise, and the need to correct when necessary. Never forget to recognize good work. It is good to reward with words, events, and special expressions the good work that your workers are carrying out in the church.

We need to organize the church as an army, united and guided by a vision and specific goals to reach what God has designed for each community. There are many things we need to do, and the best is yet to come; we have to be prepared in order to harvest and retain the crop.

Congratulations to Rev. Alfredo Vargas

for their new building on the Bethel church in St. Paul. Also to his wife and children for their effort in all that they have done in order to see the reality of their dream to have their own place to worship God and continue to proclaim the Gospel. Congratulations also to the Bethel congregation for their passion to reach the community for Christ. Go forward!

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Ministers' Wives Meeting During Camp Meeting

The Ministers' Wives meeting for camp meeting will be on Friday, August 11, 2006, at De'Borah's Restaurant on Highway 421 south of Dunn. The cost per person will be $12.50 for a full banquet-style meal. The meeting time is from 4 p.m. until no later than 6:30 p.m. So plan to fast for the day in order to have supper with us.

Our speaker this year is Mrs. Anne Williams, wife of Rev. Bobby Williams, conference board member, and they pastor the Kinston First PH Church. Bobby and Anne had a devastating fire right after Christmas 2005 and have gone through all kinds of hardships since then in dealing with insurance companies, etc. But God is faithful! He has proven Himself to them many times in the last few months, and they have a testimony of God's love and mercy.

I do hope that all ministers' wives, widows of ministers, lady ministers, and retired ministers' wives and lady ministers will attend. We love and appreciate you all and look forward to this time of fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

Our Hispanic ladies are invited to come and join us for this meeting. We will have an interpreter with the equipment for each lady.

We will also provide a nursery this year at the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, beginning at 3:15 p.m., for those ladies who have small children. We have sent out a mailing to each lady and would like for you to be sure to let us know if you are coming, if you are bringing children, and how many children are coming. Thanks for your help in this matter.

MPM Meetings

Chris and I will be having our first MPM meeting this year on July 25 in the Morehead City District and on the 26th in the New Bern District. The ministers should have received several reminders of these meetings and all the details of where we will meet. Chris and I really look forward to these meetings with our ministers and their spouses. God has always met with us in these meetings in proving His presence in our lives and ministries. Plan to come to one or the other meeting. We look forward to spending time with you!

Getting Used to the Dark

Several years ago, the McKameys sang a song about getting used to the dark. I remember as a child staying with my grandmother during the summer on her farm in the mountains of Virginia. I loved spending time with her and being in the great outdoors. We did a little bit of everything, from milking the cow to hoeing weeds in the garden or picking wild strawberries on top of the hill. I remember every day at lunchtime, Grandma would have the radio on full blast in the living room while she fixed lunch in the kitchen. I remember at 12 o'clock every day, the announcer would play my favorite song, "Blessed Assurance," and then give the obituaries for the day. Soon after, the mailman would stop at the road and put the mail in the box, and I would take off down the hollow to get the mail for Grandma. Along the way, I would watch the little yellow butterflies dip into the little puddle of water on the road, or some of the brown butterflies with the white spots at the back of their wing, (as you see, I don't know their names). I would also stop at the stream when it crossed the road and look for the little black snails that were stuck to the rocks in the stream, and, of course, I would have to catch a crawdad (crayfish) or two.

After supper, sometimes we would walk down the main road to my great aunt's house to visit for a while. It would always be after dark when we started back home, so we would be prepared by having a flashlight in our hands. As we walked along in the darkness, sometimes we turned the flashlight off and saw just how dark it was. If you leave the light off long enough, sometimes you can get used to the dark and see a lot better than you thought you could. Of course, whether you could see anything depended on the cycle of the moon.

As many of you probably know by now, I wasn't brought up in a Christian family. My mom and dad would let my brothers and me go to church with other people, but they did not go with us. As time went by, I was saved in the Baptist Church. We moved around a lot, and as time went by, I wanted to go to church. The

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

"What Mean Ye by These Stones?"

In Joshua 4, we are given the story of the two memorial stones. When the Israelites were crossing the Jordan, God instructed Joshua to choose 12 men, one from each tribe. Each of the 12 men was to take a stone upon his shoulder from the riverbed and then take it to the place where he would lodge that night, which was Gilgal.

Verse 9 reads as follows: "Joshua also set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: And they are there unto this day."

Then verses 21-24 say, "He spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever."

What are the memorial stones in our lives? Are they the important moments in our lives that stay in the back rooms of our memory, to be brought out into the light when someone dies or someone mentions a time or place in our lives?

God has shown us in many places in His Word that we are to have "memorial stones" and thereby remember His loving-kindnesses and the testimony of His good works to us.

The Archives Department is striving to preserve and protect as many of these "memorial stones" as possible. Whether it be a video interview with one of our retired ministers or his wife, or copies of *Evangel*, Minutes, or pictures of memorable events, we would like to have access to these things and, if possible, protect them from time and things that would damage.

We are collecting, copying (some things), cataloging, and organizing all the artifacts that have been given to us, and we depend on you to supply us with these items. These items are bits and pieces of people's lives and ministries, and sometimes we do not have a complete picture of who they were or what they did while on this earth. Please help us get a true picture of those who came before us.

I believe with all my heart that we each need to recall the people who, throughout our lives, were an inspiration or a blessing to us, in order for us to be all God wants us to be. If you are related or close to one of these people, make sure we know all about them and have information on them.

We have files on some ministers or ministers' wives, but we have nothing in their files because I never knew them or what they had done for the Lord on this earth.

Please send or bring me pictures or sit down and write down things you may remember about these people, and get that to me. I would appreciate it!

When I think of memorial stones, I think of something solid and permanent, lasting. I also think of what they represent; they are there for a purpose. We all need memorial stones in our lives to inspire us and encourage us to do great things because of what has been accomplished in days gone by. So "remember the former things of old" (Isaiah 46:9).

The Archives Department Needs You!

The Archives Department still needs help with cataloging articles and filing them away. We also need help to put everything on the Library Master Program so we have everything listed in the computer and assigned a location so it can be easily accessible. Please call me and give some time!

Board Changes

Because of the conference in May, we have changes on our Archives Board. Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard went off the Archives Board this time because she is on another board, the Retired Ministers' Board. We appreciate Blanche and all her valuable help in the years she has been on the Archives Board. May God bless you, Blanche.

Rev. Danny Rollins is our new board member, and he is excited and ready to get busy on any new projects. Brother Danny, we look forward to your using your many talents for the Archives Department.

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Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

It has been said that the most effective evangelistic tool today is the planting of new churches. Many believe that America is saturated with churches; actually, there are adequate facilities for only about one third of the American population. Without realizing it, we can become engulfed by building our local congregations and fail to realize there are opportunities to expand the kingdom of God in our communities by planting other churches. God has placed before the IPHC an open door, and the possibilities and potential are limitless.

Within our congregations are men and women who are potential church planters. As pastors, we must identify them, train them, mentor them, resource them, and send them out to plant churches. There are also numerous congregations in North Carolina and beyond who are looking for a movement to connect with in order to have fellowship, training, and accountability and to reach the harvest more effectively.

I believe we must become a church-planting movement and a church-planting conference. Every healthy church should make a commitment to becoming a mother church. You can become a mother church by planting a church out of your congregation (financially and by seeding members). You can also partner with one or more churches to become a mother church. The opportunities and possibilities are *limitless*; we must regard our own locales as sites from which to mother churches.

Church Planters' School

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These are our goals:

- ***To identify***, train, and mentor church planters within our existing congregations.
- ***To place*** tools into pastors' hands that will enable them to lead their churches in planting/mothering a church.
- ***To challenge*** local churches to become supporters of church planting (financially and by seeding members).
- ***To extend*** the fellowship of the IPHC by welcoming into our ranks existing congregations who are looking for fellowship and training and someone whom they may join in order to better reach the harvest.

Evangelism Ministries is putting its best foot forward to provide this tool for training and resourcing to help *you* realize God's call to spread the Gospel. I challenge *all pastors and ministers* to be a part of this awesome event! Brochures are available. To obtain copies, for more information, or to register for the 2006 Church Planters' School, please contact the Evangelism Department at 910-980-1162 or e-mail us at Njdrn@aol.com OR sunshine527@nc.rr.com.

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A Note From the Director

By the time you read this article, we will only be days away from the 2006 Global Outreach Celebration. It is my prayer that this awesome service, which will take place on August 13, will truly be a celebration for 100% participation and a celebration of reaching/surpassing our goal of $300,000! **Thank you** to every pastor, local Missions director and congregation for your promotion and support. Your Day's Wage—indeed, every offering given—will **change eternal destinies!**

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OUR FIRST "INASMUCH" MINISTRY EVENT...

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). Our first Inasmuch Ministry Event will be on Saturday, September 23, 2006. We will be going to Benson, NC, for the Mule Days Parade. Plan to meet us in the "Singing Grove" by 9:00 a.m. Bring folding chairs and two large sodas. Mr. Earl Haddock, our Biker/Motorcycle Club Mission equipper, will be leading this event.

We will be giving free sodas and Mission M25 literature. But most of all, we will be sharing Jesus Christ and His love! Plan to meet us there! For more information, please call Rev. Steve Enloe, conference point man/Mission M25, at 910-425-7474.

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Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Hispanic Youth Camp, Falcon 2006

"Pursuing the Heart of God"

I would like to start these few words by giving thanks to God because He is so good, merciful, and worthy to be praised. Also, I would like to thank Christian Education Ministries for allowing us the opportunity to have a weekend especially for the Hispanic youth. I also see fit to thank all the pastors who trusted our committee enough to allow these youth (more than 130 from 14 different churches) to come participate in this youth camp. And last, I would like to thank all the youth who helped me plan, organize, and bring about this camp. May God bless you all.

This year God blessed us in many different ways. Ever since we picked the theme for this year, "Pursuing the heart of God," we knew it was going to be different. Why? Because this year we understood that God wanted to minister to the youth according to their needs. God used His Holy Spirit to bring forth new ideas, perspectives, and activities so that this year, the kids could really pursue God's heart in many different ways. This year, the participation of Kairos (the conference's Praise and Worship Team) was really different. Their anointing, plus the youth's willingness to worship, brought an atmosphere that made these worship moments really special.

It's important to talk about Saturday night; we called that night "talent night," and it was awesome and was one of the moments God used to bless the kids; also, God used that activity to open the minds and eyes of the people to realize how many gifts the Lord has given to them, and through them they can pursue the heart of God.

For these and many others things the Lord used to bless this III Hispanic Youth Camp, I want to say again, "To God be the glory."

In Jesus,
Rev. Fernando Angulo

III Campamento Juvenil Hispano, Falcon 2006

"Persiguiendo el Corazón de Dios"

Me gustaría comenzar estas breves palabras dando gracias a Dios, porque El es bueno, misericordioso y digno de ser alabado por todas las cosas lindas que El nos permite ver, hacer y experimentar mientras le servimos. También quiero expresar mi agradecimiento al Departamento de Educación Cristiana por permitirnos insertar en el programa de campamentos el tiempo para los Jóvenes Hispanos.

Creo conveniente agradecer también a todos los pastores que han confiado en el comité organizador del Campamento y han apoyado enviando a sus Jóvenes (mas de 130 y 14 Iglesias este ano) y por ultimo agradecer a todos los Jóvenes que me ayudaron a planear, organizar y realizar el campamento, que el Señor los bendiga a todos.

Quiero comentar que en este campamento Dios nos bendijo de muchas maneras, desde que escogimos el tema "Persiguiendo el corazón de Dios" supimos que iba a ser un campamento diferente ¿Por qué? Porque este ano entendimos que el Señor quería ministrar a los Jóvenes de acuerdo a sus necesidades y Dios uso su Espíritu para traer ideas nuevas, perspectivas nuevas, actividades nuevas que hicieron del campamento un tiempo para que los muchachos persiguieran el corazón de Dios de diferentes maneras. Este ano la participación de "Kairos" (ministerio de adoración y alabanza de la conferencia) fue muy diferente, la unción de ellos mas la disposición de los Jóvenes para adorar y alabar al Señor trajo una atmósfera para que los momentos de comunión fueran muy especiales.

También es de rescatar la actividad del sábado por la noche "noche de talentos" creo sin temor a equivocarme que fue uno de los momentos que Dios utilizo no solo para bendecir a los muchachos, sino también para que ellos se dieran cuenta de muchos dones que Dios les ha regalado y a través de ellos pueden no solo perseguir el corazón de Dios, sino tocar su corazón.

Por esto y muchas otras cosas decimos otra vez a "Dios sea la Gloria" Atte. Rev. Fernando Angulo

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Lord worked it out for me to get involved in the Salem PH Church.

When it was time for me to go to school, I ended up going to Emmanuel and then to Holmes to study the Bible. While at Holmes, I continued to learn how to live holy and pleasing to the Lord.

After leaving Holmes, I could really see changes in the things that influence our everyday lives. On TV, more and more things were being allowed that we once did not even talk about, especially in mixed company.

Today the bad influences are endless. Everywhere you look, mothers are faced with the dilemma of what to let their children get involved with. Some things are "no-brainers," but then, some things could produce results we never see until we are well down the road.

We are living in a very dangerous world. I could go on and on with all kinds of problems with this world and its culture, but that is not what I want to say. We are getting very close to our Lord's return to this earth to receive His own, and we need to be ever aware of that. We cannot be blind to all that Satan is sending our way (John 12:40).

1 Corinthians 10:13 says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

"Can God trust you with sorrow,
anguish, and with pain,
Or would your faith soon falter
And faint beneath the strain?"
—Nicholson

1 Corinthians 1:4: "I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus."

May God bless. Our prayers are with you.
—Betty T.

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Did You Know?

In the very first Falcon Camp Meeting in 1900, the people stayed in Army pup tents from the Spanish-American War. The tents for campers were rented for $2 and furnished with a bucket, dipper, washbasin, straw floor, and bed. The tent was large enough for four people to stay in it.

People were also housed in homes in Falcon and the surrounding areas. Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Goff had as many as 30 people staying with them at one time. The Goffs not only gave the people a bed or a pallet on the floor, but also fed them. Brother and Sister Goff were both ministers and thought nothing of their sacrifice.

After the tents, two long sheds were built parallel to each other and in the area on each side of what is now the parking lot in front of the canteen. They were still furnished with the needed items as before.

In 1925, the "Ark" was built to furnish rooms for campers to stay in during camp meeting. People in the community continued to supply room and board for campers also.

The Girls' Dorm, as it was called, was built in 1947 and was used up until a few years ago for camp meeting, youth camp, and various other events throughout the conference year.

After the Falcon School consolidated with the Cumberland County schools, the school building was used for storage for the Falcon Children's Home until the conference felt that the "Ark" needed to be replaced. The school building, as it was called, was renovated like a motel, with bathrooms for each room.

The Blue Dorm, as it was called until a couple of years ago when it was remodeled and painted, was next on the scene for use as accommodations for the camp meeting.

Some of the houses on campus have been used for housing campers also, such as the Taylor House and the C. E. House.

We have had an interesting history in this little village of Falcon, and I hope to show that to you in the next months in these articles. I hope you are enjoying these little bullets of information. Please let me know your response to my articles and what you would be interested in learning about the "holy city" of Falcon.

God bless, Betty T.

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HE IS LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER, WHICH YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN SEASON AND WHOSE LEAF DOES NOT WITHER. WHATEVER HE DOES PROSPERS.

PSALM 1:3 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Our Church Schools Feast of Ingathering 2006

I have heard many expressions through the years about Christianity and education. Some have said to me, "Pursue all the Christian education you can." Others have said, "Depend only on the anointing." There have been a few who have actually preached against education. I have followed the trail of Christian education *and* the anointing. It is the right path. It is not either/or; it is both/and.

I believe in learning everything possible about the Word. Paul did say, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). He also said, "Be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). These verses applied together can result in a powerful life. This is the type of life that can be greatly used of the Lord.

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church is thankful for men like G. F. Taylor, J. H. King, N. J. Holmes, H. Ray Stewart, R. O. Corvin, Paul F. Beacham, and many many others. These men emphasized the importance of biblical, Pentecostal, and holiness education. Thank the Lord for them.

I was thinking a few days ago just how blessed the personnel of the conference office have been by the IPHC schools. Several of the staff graduated from the church schools. All the IPHC schools are represented at the office: for example, Chris Thompson, Holmes and Southwestern; Betty Thompson, Emmanuel and Holmes; Roland Harrell, Holmes; Gary Strickland, Emmanuel; Danny Nelson, Holmes and Southwestern; Charles Boyd, Emmanuel; Luis Avila, Advantage College (formerly Pacific Coast Bible College);. Nicole Turransky, Emmanuel; and Mike Reynolds, Holmes.

Many of these and others attended other schools. But it is clear that over two thirds of the staff attended our church schools. Thank the Lord!

It is imperative that we provide a place for our children and grandchildren to be educated properly. Even if they go on to other schools, they need a good basic foundation from a Bible-based institution. Our schools are just that.

Each fall, our Women's Ministries ladies raise funds for our church schools. They have been doing this since the beginning of the organization. Well done, ladies! These offerings, referred to as the Feast of Ingathering, are crucial to the success of our schools. Our ladies raise the funds in many different ways. The funds then are presented to the schools in the fall.

Our ladies in North Carolina lead the denomination every year. We are proud of them, yes, but even more, we are thankful for the difference they are making. They are changing lives.

The churches are asked to turn in their offerings at the Fall District Conference meetings. Sister Patsy Deese and I are praying for 100 percent participation. With everyone doing something, we can do much more.

Let me mention our church schools briefly:

Emmanuel College – Franklin Springs, Georgia. Emmanuel College is a liberal arts college but has a school of Christian ministry. The college offers two-year foundation degrees and four-year degrees in some areas – Christian ministry, among others.

Southwestern Christian University – Bethany, Oklahoma. The school is a liberal arts college but offers degrees in Christian ministry. Both two-year and four-year degrees may be earned. In addition, there is a graduate program where one may earn a master of ministry degree (equivalent to the regular M.A. degree).

Advantage College – Sacramento, California. Regular liberal arts and ministry degrees may be earned. Some graduate degrees may be obtained. In addition, the school offers an excellent distance-learning program.

Holmes Bible College – Greenville, South Carolina. Technically, Holmes is not an IPHC school. It is an independent college. However, it has been closely linked and affiliated with the IPHC through the years. A majority of the trustees are members of the IPHC. The school offers a four-year degree. One may complete the basic Bible in three years. It is a Bible school.

We must support these schools. Betty and I give regularly to Emmanuel, Holmes, and Southwestern. These three helped to change our lives and ministries. Two of our three boys attended Emmanuel. Another son has attended Heritage Bible College in Dunn (an excellent Pentecostal Free Will Baptist School).

May the Lord bless these schools and bless the North Carolina Conference to support them. Holmes is presently in a relocation process. Southwestern is paying for a new dorm. All the schools are challenged to meet their regular budgets and to keep up with expansion. Lord, please help, and let us help.

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"Run for the Wall" ... Riding for Those Who Can't

On Thursday, May 25, 2006, I departed Louisburg, North Carolina, along with Ricky Bass, a member of my church, and our M25 director, to meet a group of bikers. We were en route to visit the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. We, the Forgiven Riders, connected with Hard Core and the CMA (Christian Motorcyclists Association) and a large number of Vietnam veterans. In May 1989 the annual Run for the Wall started out with 15 bikers participating, but Friday morning, as Ricky Bass and I rolled into Roanoke, Virginia, there were about 600 bikers arriving to show their tribute. From Roanoke we rolled into Arlington amidst cheers, waving flags, and honking horns.

Finally, with much anticipation, we arrived at the Vietnam Memorial Wall. While standing at the wall, I found there are still a lot of wounds that need to be healed in the great heroes who survived the war. When our men came back from Southeast Asia, many in our country did not welcome them home. Instead, they were cursed and demeaned by some for defending our country. Every man or woman who ever put on a United States military uniform, whether Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or the U.S. Coast Guard, is a hero.

As I walked along this wall, I saw veterans still wearing their unit patches. They were leaning on the wall, weeping uncontrollably and comforting each other. After watching them for a while, I walked up to some of these men, shook their hands, and told them "Thank you for what you did, and welcome home."

Ricky Bass, Gary Burd and Dale Eatmon

We seem to have forgotten that freedom is not free. I fly an American flag in my yard, and often I look at this flag and thank our men and women in uniform for keeping America free.

As I looked over Arlington National Cemetery, my eyes filled with tears as I saw the thousands of headstones that represent all the human lives and bloodshed for the freedom of a nation that sometimes seems to have forgotten how we gained our freedom and what keeps us free. I would personally like to say to the Vietnam veterans and all who have served this country in any capacity, "Thank you; God bless you; and welcome home!"

Not any place in this country goes untouched by war. Everyone who goes to war gives some, but some gave all. The trip we took was to minister to hurting veterans, but also to honor those who gave all.

Let us never forget these true American heroes whose names are on the black granite wall in Washington, D.C. The Wall is to help heal the living, honor the dead, and bring attention to the Americans who are still being held against their will in Southeast Asia. God bless the U.S.A.

Pastor Dale Eatmon
Spring Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church

Reverend Wiley D. Vick November 29, 1920 – July 26, 2006

A kind and gentle warrior of God went home on July 26, 2006. He was welcomed victoriously. Reverend Wiley Vick was born November 29, 1920, and lived a full life and complete in the Lord. He leaves behind his wife of 55-plus years, Lillie Parker Vick; his daughters, Marilyn Dunning and husband, Ronald, Annette Mayo and husband, Charles, and Janie Dail and husband, Andy; one son, Sammy Vick; brother, Lester Vick; daughter-in-law, Michele Vick (son Phillip preceded him in death); grandchildren, Adrienne Rea, Angela Dunning, April Harrell, Daniel Vick, Susan Mayo, and Ashley Dail; step-grandsons, Brian, Justin, and Dustin Barr; great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Blake, and Jennifer Harrell and Janese Vick; and a host of family, friends, and other relatives.

Wiley Vick was saved while reading a borrowed Bible in the Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium in Wilson. He had suffered long with tuberculosis. That was in 1945. The Lord raised him up and called him to preach. He joined the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1948 in Rocky Mount and received his mission worker's license later that year at the Bethany Church. He was licensed to preach and joined the North Carolina Conference in 1949 at the Falcon annual conference. He was ordained in Falcon in 1951.

This man of God pastored 17 churches in the North Carolina Conference. They included Taylors Chapel, Vick's Chapel, Spring Hope, Darlington (now Trinity), Alliance, Oriental, Hodges Chapel, Thunder Swamp, Moore's Chapel, Mount Olive (Pembroke), Bethel, Millennium, Bizzell's Grove, Bailey, Niagara, Thompson Chapel, and Merritts Chapel. His longest pastorates were at Moore's Chapel, six years, and Merritts Chapel, ten years.

In addition to pastoring, he served some time as an evangelist. He also served on the Evangelism Board, Missions Committee, Examining Committee, and Stationing Committee, and twice as district secretary.

In his ministry years, he preached over 500 funerals. One parishioner said that from Sunday to Sunday, Pastor Vick preached the best sermons he ever heard.

His active years of ministry spanned 58 years. He retired in 1989 but never stopped preaching.

The memorial service was held on July 29 at the Living Faith Fellowship in Rocky Mount. These ministers spoke during the service: Pastor Jesse Blaylock, Pastor Danny Harris, Reverend Andy Dail, Reverend Raymond Potter, and Bishop Chris Thompson. In addition, Reverend Wiley Clark spoke at the graveside in Edgecombe Memorial Park. The service was filled with the presence of the Lord.

Those of us who knew Brother Vick loved him. We loved his violin music, his preaching, his humor, and his presence. He was just an ordinary man with an extraordinary love for God and his fellow man. He has much to tell Paul and Moses.

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Preaching to a Postmodern World

by Graham Johnston. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. 189 pages.

One of the cardinal rules of preaching is that in order to communicate effectively, the preacher must know his or her audience. The audience, for the most part, has changed dramatically in the past 25 years, giving credence to the fact that "we're not in Kansas anymore." Times and people have changed. "The Gospel," Helmut Thielicke writes, "must be constantly forwarded to a new address because the recipient is repeatedly changing place of residence." Every generation will try to get preachers to change God's message. To boldly preach "God's Word effectively in the 21st century, pastors need to know how to connect with and confront an audience of postmodern listeners." Although heaven and earth shall pass away, the message of the Bible does not change. The changing times demand an unchanging truth.

The uncompromising Old Testament prophets did some extraordinary things to obtain the attention of those to whom they preached. For example, Amos, the cowboy preacher from Tekoa, called the affluent women of his era "cows," signifying the certain judgment of God upon them as cattle being led to the slaughter. Ezekiel's style presented some grand and compelling images for the purpose of awakening the dull and seared consciences of his hearers. Many of the Hebrew prophets were called "madmen," evidently because of their emotionally charged demonstrations and powerful messages. Sin dulled the senses of the people of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. Idolatry darkened the minds of the people of God. His prophets went to great lengths to communicate effectively to the people, even risking their very lives for the sake of the truth. "The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:8)

The function of the preacher is to represent God before the people, regardless of their enculturation, by giving His message to them for purposes of comfort, instruction, rebuke, warning, and correction and to stir and encourage them in love and obedience to God. How shall we preach except we know God, the Word, and the people? Johnston's premise is that the preacher must understand the postmodern mind so that he may reach the postmodern listener.

The postmodern mind does not tolerate authority, yet tolerates other religions, revises history, rejects objective truth, reduces Christianity to slogans and meaningless phrases, and lives for the moment. The postmodern mind, disillusioned about the Gospel, considers it a scandal. Loyalty, duty, and honor have faded away from the postmodern lexicon. Truth is measured by whether it works and on the basis of how it feels. If it works or feels good, then it must be true, according to the postmodern way of thinking. "Wherever one looks," writes Robert Bork, "the traditional virtues of this culture are being lost, its vices multiplied, its values degraded—in short, this culture is unraveling." This generation has grown up in broken homes, been lied to by politicians, and doubts whether the church can be trusted anymore. Since the world is on the way to oblivion, pursuing pleasure becomes a way to cope with the sad realities of life. Having a good time dominates postmodern life, for tomorrow we may die. In a world that has no place for the truth, what shall the preacher do?

Never mind the obligation of the creature worshiping the Creator; since postmoderns are consumer-minded and market-driven, they "view their time as a commodity," and the idea of wasting a Sunday morning or Sunday night at church with "little or no take-home value is repugnant." Postmoderns want return on their investment of time, never realizing or considering what God wants. Going to church is not about us. It is about God. Worship is not what we can get out of it. Worship is giving to God and ascribing to Him worth, glory, and honor.

In what way does this present a problem for the preacher? The first temptation is to preach partial truths and not the whole truth. The second temptation is to give the people what they want when they want it. The third temptation is to be afraid. The fourth temptation is to lessen the demands of authentic discipleship. If the postmodern mind has trouble grasping absolute truths, then the postmodern mind struggles understanding the idea of God. If there is misunderstanding about God, then why talk about miracles in the first place? If there is no God, or if God is less than He has revealed Himself in Holy Scripture, then discussion or messages on the supernatural are meaningless. A lesser God equals a lesser Text with little value and even less authority. In short, truth is up for grabs!

The author lists three dangers of preaching in a postmodern climate: (1) Preachers could lose confidence in God's Word; (2) Preachers might stoop to a type of reduced perspective that shrinks God and His truth to accommodate listeners; or (3) Preachers might adopt an essentially pragmatic approach.

Left to their own devices what shall the postmoderns do? The insecurity of the present and the uncertainty of the future give a grand opportunity for the bold proclamation of the powerful Word of God. Johnston writes, "As biblical communicators, your task is not a simple one—it's to bring God's truth to bear upon a people who are searching for, yet uncertain of, truth and falsehood; of people open, but skeptical, and livin' large while running on empty." Every God-called preacher is called upon to speak into this lost culture His thoughts and His message. Who can but prophesy when God has spoken?

The value of this book cannot be overstated in terms of providing the preacher an understanding of his or her world. The great responsibility is to challenge postmoderns with the truth of God's Word without making light of their condition. The age-old commitment to the truth and compassion for the lost continue to honor God and all human beings. The greatest of faith, hope, and love is love. No matter the generation or culture, love for God and neighbor touches hearts. No matter how dark the world may become, the light of God's Word still shines. Every person on the planet was made for God, and each person's heart is restless until he or she finds rest in Him. The human heart, postmodern or otherwise, was made to become a habitation of God. The Christian message—rich in the sublime sovereignty, marvelous mystery and the matchless majesty of God and the wonder of His grace—speaks a timeless, true, transcultural and timely message. His truth, the precious, powerful, and persuasive truth marches on!

The Great Omission: Reclaiming Jesus' Essential Teachings on Discipleship

by Dallas Willard. San Francisco: Harper Publishers. 237 pages.

The sin of omission by failing to obey the Great Commission in making Christians instead of disciples plagues the church of today. "The word *disciple*," writes Willard, "occurs 269 times in the New Testament, while the word *Christian* occurs three times and was first introduced to refer precisely to disciples of Jesus. The New Testament is a book about disciples, by disciples, and for disciples of Jesus Christ." The author challenges the notion that we can be Christians without being disciples. He strongly advocates that discipleship is not optional. Churches are filled with "undiscipled disciples."

For years, ministers have preached the cost of discipleship, but they must also preach the cost of nondiscipleship. There is no abundant life and no abiding peace or power to do what is right and withstand the forces of evil without true discipleship. If Jesus is not Lord of a person's life, then He is not his or her Savior, for He is the Lord Jesus Christ. To receive Christ is to receive His whole Person, not just portions suited to personal taste or need.

If spiritual formation is to occur in a Christian's life, then he must be a disciple who is willing to become all that God intended for him to be. Grace, therefore, is opposed to earning but not effort. Although good works save no one, the true disciple was ordained to walk in the works that God planned for him in the beginning. A disciple has a real relationship with God, and because of that relationship, he strives to labor with God in doing good works. This striving includes the spiritual disciplines necessary to grow and mature into greater Christlikeness. "Without discipline," Willard writes, "there is no sense of fulfillment, dignity, and quality of life that we can enjoy as believers."

Making disciples is the mission of the Church. It is the God appointed business of the Church, and "we must allow all else to fall away if it will." While the goal is not to convert the world and usher in the kingdom for Jesus, which the church could never do anyway, still, the business of the Church is to reach one person at a time, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching him or her to observe all the commands of Christ. Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ is accessible to anyone. Happy Reading!

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My Vision From God for the Church

by David Barber

God said to ask the pastor to let you take the service and tell the church what God said to do.

God said to have all the brothers and sisters who had spoken in the Holy Ghost tongues in the last three days to a week come up to the pulpit and line up, facing the congregation.

The Lord said to tell them to start praying until the Holy Ghost takes over the unknown tongues, on singing in the Spirit.

Next, have the brothers and sisters who had not spoken in tongues for a long time stand at the altar, facing the pulpit; then have the ones who were sanctified stand behind them; then the ones who were saved stand behind them, and the ones who wanted to bee saved stand behind them.

When the Holy Ghost started speaking, a dark cloud like smoke and fire came up at their feet. It started rolling across the pulpit floor over on those who were seeking for the Holy Ghost. It covered all of them, and they started speaking in tongues. The fire and smoke went down the aisles and over the pews to the back of the church.

There was fire coming out of the smoke and going up the sides of the church inside and on the outside of the church building. You could see over the smoke and fire that people's hands were lifted up and praising God and speaking in tongues.

Outside the church, the neighborhood people had called the fire department and police department. They all came and went inside with the neighborhood people. At their surprise, they all got saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and started speaking in tongues.

The smoke never went outside the church building. Everybody who lived near the church was inside by this time. The fire of God was leaping up on both sides. You could hear people singing in tongues, praising God, and glorifying His name. Everyone had received salvation by this time.

Praising God went on until around 6:00 p.m. God said, "Tell the brothers and sisters not to go home to eat because the tables in the fellowship hall have been filled with food from heaven's kitchen and water to drink."

When I walked into the fellowship hall, my eyes were filled with the Glory of God to see what was there. Every kind of meat you could think of, with vegetables and fruits, breads and sweets. Then at one end of the table I saw water from a cloud (about the size of a small car) flowing out to the floor. It was spraying like a waterfall—about three inches in diameter—but the waterfall never hit the floor. We had prayer and started eating. The taste of the food was out of this world, and to drink the water was better than the food.

God said, "Get as much water as you can from the clouds, flowing water into bottles or anything else. When you have prayer for people, you can anoint them with this water for the healing of their bodies. Also, before you leave the church today, have everyone who wants to be baptized dip in the baptistery with water from the flow of water in the fellowship hall for healing of any kind."

Given to David Barber, spring 2005, at home while in prayer
Bridgeton Pentecostal Holiness Church

Hope Church Celebration

Hope Church/Clayton Pentecostal Holiness Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary Sunday, October 8, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This celebration will correspond with a groundbreaking ceremony on the new church land on 487 Guy Rd. in Clayton. The services will be held in a tent on the property. Pastor Luke Long would like to hear from any pastors or members who were once a part of Clayton Pentecostal Holiness Church. Please contact him at 919-612-2029.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

(Matthew 7:13-14)

Dear Women of God,

Have you ever been to one of our superstores and noticed that folks are trying to go in the "out" door and trying to go out the "in" door? It's amazing! A few days ago I was in "Patsy's world" on my way home, I stopped to do some shopping. As I tried to go into the store, several people were trying to go out the same door. So I stopped, waited, and then went in.

My first thought was, Lord are you trying to teach me more patience? But then my mind went to the above scripture in Matthew. In the Maxwell Leadership Bible, John Maxwell states that the first task of a leader is to define core values (these are based on scriptures from Matthew 6:1 – 7:27).

1. *Do the right thing for the right reasons.*
2. *Pray God's agenda, not your own.*
3. *Relationships will make you or break you.*
4. *Prioritize eternal things, not temporal things.*
5. *Don't sweat the small stuff.*
6. *God's kingdom is paramount; seek it first.*
7. *Judge yourself before you judge others.*
8. *If you need something, ask; if you have something, give it.*
9. *Stay true to your convictions; don't wander from the narrow path.*
10. *Obedience to God is the only sure foundation for life.*

As summer comes to an end and we begin our much busier fall schedules, planning WM and Girls' Ministries activities and preparing for fall festivals, Feast of Ingathering, Harvest Train, etc., I trust that you will be reminded there are women and young girls who are watching daily as we serve the Lord. I pray that our core values will reflect the love of Christ.

We are all about people, and everybody wants to be somebody. As women in ministry, let's love 'em into the Kingdom. Remember, together we can make a difference.

In His Love,

"Mrs. Patsy"

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If you are a Girls' Ministries coordinator or WM local director, please send your quarterly financial reports to Mrs. Crystal Grant effective September 2006.

Girls' Ministries Week is September 10-16 and Girls' Ministries Day, Sunday September 10. The theme is "Saturated." If you have any questions or need material, please contact us.

Girls' Ministries Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 in Falcon. You will be receiving additional information in the next few days.

POTPOURRI....

Here are a few helpful hints for the lazy days of summer:

- Longer lasting fruit ... Keep apples, pears, and other fruit from becoming overripe by storing them away from bananas, which ripen faster and emit gases that trigger other fruit to ripen along with them.
- End soggy PB & J sandwiches ... If you're making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for your child's lunch, prevent sogginess by spreading peanut butter on both pieces of bread. Then sandwich the jelly in the middle; it won't soak through the slices.
- No more smelly gym bags ... Place a fabric softener sheet at the bottom of your teenager's gym bag, and it will stay fresh smelling for weeks.

Sharing Sister Ice Cream Party

June 16 was the date for the Sharing Sister Ice Cream Party with the Bridgeton and Heritage Women's Ministries. The Bridgeton WMs were guests of the Heritage WMs. Also attending were the Church of God of Prophecy ladies and New Bern District Director Mrs. Rose Alligood.

The local director of the Heritage WM, Mrs. Carol Davis, gave our devotion. She encouraged the ladies to find time to spend with God in order to produce fruit of the Spirit. Dawn Hill and Anita Jones, members of the Heritage WM, presented a skit relating to the Fruit of the Spirit.

During the "Get Acquainted" game, everyone laughed and had lots of fun. Many prizes were taken home. The ladies enjoyed making their own ice cream sundaes.

Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended. We are looking forward to getting together with our Sharing Sisters again. Thank you, ladies, for coming!

Carol Davis,
Heritage WM Director

Mrs. Carol Davis
Heritage WM Director

Mrs. Gloria Price
Bridgeton WM Director

Ladies enjoying ice cream and door prizes.

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"Partners in Ministry"

Where Are the Men?

As Jesus traveled through the land, preaching and teaching to all the people, he knew that he had to prepare someone to not only help him, but to carry on his work. He knew that he would be leaving this world so that he could go and prepare a place for all his people.

He called **12** men to serve as his disciples. He gave them power to heal and drive out demons. These disciples were responsible for passing on to the next generation what Jesus had given to them, disciplining other men to continue the work.

As men today, we must continue to serve Christ and go throughout the land preaching and teaching his word. Somewhere from the original twelve to now, we have lost a large number of men who are willing to serve as disciples.

You see, if you look back to when Jesus chose his disciples, there was **1** of him multiplied by **12**. If you take that **12** and multiply each one of them by **12**, then you have **144**.

Just continue on with the math through all generations till now, and you would have a tremendous number of men serving Christ!

However, if you look at our churches today, there are only a few men willing to do anything to increase the kingdom of God.

Most of our men today are willing to sit back and let the women do all the work. Let me be the first to tell you that the women need our help!

We need to come alongside them and work together for the glory of God. The Men's Ministries board for the NC Conference is here to help lead and encourage men to serve as disciples.

Every year in September, we head up a Men's Advance in Falcon so that we can come together and hear words of encouragement from some of God's greatest men, pray with each other, and share our love and support toward one another. Our mission is to raise up men to be disciples of Jesus!

We have **12** districts in our conference (what a coincidence, huh?), and yet our attendance at the Advance has only averaged about 100 men each year.

If you do the math, you would probably say, "**Where are the MEN**?"

I challenge every man who reads this article to take up the gauntlet and not only plan to be a part of this year's Advance, but plan to bring another man with you who needs to be discipled.

Let's begin now to rebuild a new generation of men, real disciples of Jesus Christ who will be found watching and working for him when he returns!

Men's Ministries 2006 Fall Advance

September 15 and 16, 2006

North Carolina Conference Training Center
Falcon, North Carolina

"It's Time to Lay Down the Gavel" featuring guest speakers:

Bill Terry, executive director for the IPHC and national coordinator for DRUSA
Bishop Chris Thompson, superintendent of the North Carolina Conference
Don Edeker, New Horizon Ministries.

Friday Night special music guests:
Heaven Sent Ministries

Cost per man: $30.00 (includes packet, Friday supper, Saturday breakfast, snacks)
Registration starts at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, supper at 6:30 p.m., and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Four-Man Scramble (Super Ball) Golf Tournament

Lakewood Country Club
Salemburg, NC
Friday, September 15
Cost per man: $30.00
Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Name_____
Address_____
Telephone_____E-mail_____
Church Affiliation_____

Please register me for the following events:
_____Men's Ministries Fall Advance September 15 and 16 ($30.00) $_____

_____Men's Ministries Gold Tournament, September 15 ($30.00) _____

Please send this information and payment to:
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God's Promises

So many times in this world, we get bogged down with the many details of this life, and then we cannot seem to function as a person, or even more importantly, as a Christian. We live at such a fast pace that precious time escapes us, and months go by as hours. We often talk about how we do not have enough time or just do not take the time to enjoy life.

How do we solve this problem? There is no real answer, except to take one day at a time and learn to make the most of each moment with the Lord's guidance.

One sure way of using our days as God would have us do is to rely on His promises! Our Father gives us many promises we can depend on in this life. Psalm 91:15-16 says, "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." There is no "maybe" in this text, and that tells me that we serve an ever faithful God. I can trust Him with every detail of my life and not fear that it will not turn out for the good and in my best interest.

Isaiah 43:1b-5a has always been a very special portion of scripture to me: "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers; they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire , thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. Fear not: for I am with thee."

What greater promise could He give than to reassure us that He loves us and will go to great lengths to protect and keep us? I know this portion of scripture was written to the Israelites, but how can we not see His great love for us within these scriptures?

While living in this world, as Christians, we face problems and heartaches just like everyone else in the human race, but we have God's many promises to make it through each day. Do not get bogged down with discouragement. Know that God created us and knows all about us and what we are going through. But most of all, know of His great love for each of us and His lovingkindnesses toward us. We don't have to be discouraged as "...those of this world that have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13). Remember to Whom you belong, and remember He has a plan for each of our lives, and we can trust Him with that plan, knowing that He will keep us and bring us through these situations.

God bless each of you, and know that He will keep you. "He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber" (Psalm 121:3).

MPM Meetings

Please make a point to come to the MPM Meetings in your district or one close to you.

If you work during the day, try to come to the night session. Chris and I enjoy so much these times with the ministers, their spouses, and the widows. We enjoy the sharing time with each other. This gives us all a chance to get to know each other better.

Until next time, keep looking to Him. Our prayers are with each of you.

Betty T.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Collectors

Who are collectors? What do they collect? Are you a collector?

People collect all kinds of things that are special to them. Some ladies collect thimbles or tea sets; others collect dolls, glassware, spoons, paperweights, books, or numerous other things. Guys enjoy collecting Civil War memorabilia, guns, miniature soldiers, airplane models, model cars, knives, tools, and sports memorabilia. Of course there are many other categories that could be covered under the topic of collections.

Collections are things people consider to be valuable to them. Sometimes we collect things that have nostalgic memories attached to them. Sometimes we collect things maybe because we inherited one object from a loved one and then started a collection. As an example, I received a green cut-glass creamer and sugar dish that belonged to my mom, and since receiving them, I had started collecting all kinds of creamers and sugars.

I was shy as a teenager and wanted to go to church, but not by myself. When the Lord opened the door for me to start going to the Pentecostal Holiness Church, I fell in love with the Lord all over again (I was saved in the Baptist Church years earlier). I also fell in love with His people.

The people of the Salem Pentecostal Holiness Church treated me just like family. During these growing-up years, I would save a lot of the bulletins, conference *Messengers*, advertisements for special services, and pictures of evangelists or singers. These people and the Pentecostal Holiness Church were my whole life.

A couple of years ago, the N.C. Conference Archives received a scrapbook from Iola Taylor from the Hodges Chapel Church. This scrapbook was full of pictures of ministers, evangelists, singing groups, and even articles taken from the *Advocate* during World War II. These articles were testimonies of some of our Pentecostal Holiness soldiers who were overseas in World War II. This scrapbook is priceless when it comes to a church looking for pictures of some of their pastors that they are missing in their collection.

When I was working at the office supply store, I met a retired college professor who fought in World War II, and his mother saved every one of the letters he sent home for three years. He wrote home every week and sometimes more. These letters were at least three pages and as many as eight pages long. This veteran was taking on the project of putting all of these letters in sheet protectors and then in binders. Can you imagine the treasure in those pages?

One of our retired ministers has also lent us a scrapbook of his ministry to be copied. He has included newspaper articles concerning church people, activities, family, etc., and all kinds of pictures and information. There is a wealth of information within those pages.

Most of you probably know that Superintendent Eddie Morris kept a diary every day of his ministerial life. Because of his diligence, we can go back and research details of information about churches, people, buildings, etc. We also learn a lot about the man and his relationship with his God. Thank the Lord for Brother Eddie Morris.

Thank the Lord for all of these people who collected things that can give us insight into their world and therefore help us to understand the world we live in.

My prayer is that each of you will understand the importance of collecting things, not only from the past, but also from our generation. Archives are not just collections of memorabilia, but they represent the lives of those who have worked and sacrificed to make this church the great force it is through God's guidance and strength. Help us to preserve God's witness in this world for that witness to go on and on.

Help Wanted

Help! We still need volunteers! God has been gracious and sent a couple of volunteers my way, but there is still plenty to do.

Miss Kimberley Godwin from Lillington, an advertising and public relations major home for the summer, has helped me about six or seven times, and she has really been a big help. Also, Allison Downing came to help me with displays for Camp Meeting, and I know I couldn't have done it without her help.

Thanks, girls! May God bless!

If any of our churches would like for me to come do a session on what to keep or how to protect what you have, please let me know. Also, if you would like for me to come and help you start a church history, please contact me.

Did You Know...?

Did you know that if you want to display pictures in a church lobby or hallway, you should never display the original? You should always make a copy to display and put the original in a safe place. The UV rays from the sunshine and also fluorescent lights can damage pictures by fading them and also causing them to dry and crack. Have you ever gone into a business with lots of windows and noticed that the pictures on the wall are blue? That's because of the UV rays. Also, do not use any type of tape, rubber bands, staples, or paper clips on pictures because in time they will break down and damage the picture (or paper).

Until next time, God bless and keep you!

Betty T.

Wiley and Jean Clark

Retired Ministers Department

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Wiley D. Vick
Went to heaven July 26, 2006

Don't Let Your Dreams Come Off the Drawing Board

While attending the funeral of Rev. Wiley D. Vick and listening to the various speakers, I was reminded once again about the shortness of life. Brother Vick was 86 years old when God took him home to heaven.

But even with this many years, life is really very short. If you're 18 and live to be 70, you have only about 2,700 weeks left. If you are 30 and live to be 70, you have less than 2,100 weeks to live. If you're 40 and live to be 70, you have 1,560 weeks. If you're 60, you have only about 500 weeks until you reach your *"threescore years and ten"* (Psalm 90:10).

I don't wish to be morbid, but the Bible does teach us to number our days (Psalm 90:12). It is said of David, *"He died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor"* (I Chronicles 29:28).

A key to staying younger while growing older is to **never let your dreams come off the drawing board**. That is one of the things that kept David young, even when he was getting up in years.

David's greatest ambition was to build a temple for the Lord. But God would not permit him to do it. Instead, the temple would have to be built by Solomon, David's son.

Rather than be discouraged, David determined to use his last years as king to help his son do the job. Not only did God give him the plans for the temple, but David even gathered the materials for it. So he collected the cedars from Lebanon and all the gold and other fine things needed to build the temple.

David "vicariously" built the temple for God through his son. He built it in his heart, as God gave him the plan, so that he was able to die full of years, full of riches, and full of honor. ***He kept the dream alive in his heart.***

If you don't have a dream today, pray, and God will give you one. When Caleb was 85 years old, he said, *"Give me this mountain"* (Joshua 14:12). There is a mountain God has for you to conquer, and when you see that challenge before you and embrace it, you will feel younger! Guaranteed. — WTC

Plan Now to Attend!
2006 Christmas Luncheon
December 7, 2006

Special Invited Guest
Miss Victoria Huggins

Everyone who attended last year's luncheon will remember this delightful young 12-year-old who blessed our hearts. She will be with us again this year. So, please plan to attend.

Where Are They Now?

*** Marvin Whitfield (Joyce)**

Marvin and Joyce live in Clinton, N.C. Before retirement, they pastored for many years until Marvin felt God leading him to establish the Alternative to Abortion ministry, which started in North Carolina but soon became denomination-wide. Joyce taught public school during some of Marvin's pastoral years, but joined him full time in the ATAM program. She enjoys working in the yard of their beautiful home and tending to her flower garden. Marvin enjoys preaching on weekends. They attend the Clinton church.

*** L. B. Collins (Elizabeth)**

Some folks will never slow down, much less quit. That's the case with L. B. and Elizabeth. They pastor the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Coats, NC, full time. He has recently had a few physical problems, but is doing well now. As you know, L. B. believes in making progress wherever he pastors. He visits his people regularly and has a special ministry at nursing homes. His church is growing, and people are getting saved and enjoying the Lord. He and "Lib" live just outside Benson, N.C. They enjoy serving the Lord.

*** Raymond Potter (Shirley)**

Perhaps you haven't heard, but Raymond went back to school (actually, East Carolina University) in Greenville after he retired in 1994. He's living proof that you never get too old to learn. He graduated magna cum laude with a double major in religion and a minor in history with a GPA of 3.842. Not bad, not bad at all! He is presently pastoring our church at Pinetown. Raymond is an electronic genius and an avid collector of music (CDs, LPs, cassettes, 8-tracks, etc). He is very active in the local Kiwanis Club. Shirley loves to work with the computer and is exceptionally good at painting or "drawing" with the computer mouse. Both of them are enjoying life and have good health. Raymond and Shirley live in their beautiful home in Greenville, N.C.

PLEASE NOTE:

The column above, "Where Are They Now?" will be a regular feature of this page, but may not be run in every issue. The column will serve to give an update on our retired ministers. We will attempt to feature three or more ministers each time, depending on available space.

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The Fruit of Peace

"But the fruit of is Spirit is … peace…" (Galatians 5:22)

In today's world, people are seeking for peace yet can't figure out why they have NO PEACE. In order to pray for PEACE, we must understand what it is. What is it not? Where does it come from? How can we obtain it?

THE OPPOSITE OF PEACE IS … NO PEACE.

Let me describe "no peace":

- Living in Sin – Isaiah 48:22 – "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked."
- Having an awareness of wrongdoing.
- Fearing your sin will be found out.
  1. Fear is damaging.
  2. Fear causes no success.
  3. Fear ruins relationships.
- Fearing someone will do you in.
- Constantly thinking of keeping *yourself* in a safe place.
- Guilt or torment because of sin.
- Having *grown bitter* over the years, you *drown your bitterness* one way or another.
- Fearing death, or "I don't know what's coming after death."
- Not being cleansed by the blood of Jesus.
- Living in conflict.
- Living in strife.
- Living in confusion.
- Living in violence.
- Living in anger.
- Living in disorder.
- Living in constant fear and torment.

The word of God tells us that when we confessed Christ, we no longer live in sin (the desire of the flesh or the world), but we live in Christ by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We have found PEACE with God! He is our PEACE!

Romans 8:9-11 – "Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

Let us look at ways that Peace comes.

Isaiah 32:7 – "The work of *righteousness* shall be peace; and the *effect of righteousness quietness* and *assurance*." (Italic added)

- Being right with God.
- Having faith in the cleansing blood of Jesus.
- The work of righteousness:
  1. Quietness
  2. Assurance forever

Romans 5:1 – "Therefore, since we are justified—acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God—through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation] to hold and to enjoy peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One" (The Amplified Bible).

- Being justified through faith, we have the peace of reconciliation to hold and enjoy.
- Repenting, turning from sin, and cleansed by the blood.
  1. Being forgiven and forgiving.
  2. Being cleansed as if you have never sinned.
- Being free from guilt and burdens.
  1. To fulfill potential
  2. To fulfill purpose
- Peace within comes.
  1. Physical death is no longer feared.
  2. We are promised that our spirits live forever with God.
  3. We only change location from earth to heaven.

God's promise is:

- Isaiah 1:18 – "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."
- 1 John 1:9 – "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- Psalm 103:11, 12 – "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

Now that we have peace with God, it:

- Affects the way we live.
- Affects the way we relate to others.

We know that Jesus is…

- Creator of the universe.
- Son of Almighty God.
- The all-sufficient One.
- Son of the Highest.
- Residing in believers.

Jesus' example in the storm:

- Total peace (Mark 4:35-41)
- Jesus arose and said (spoke the word), "Peace, be still."
- He has authority over all.
- He has given it to us as believers.

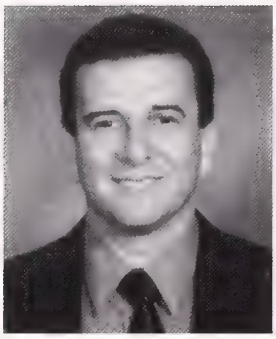
Do you

- Worry? React? Lose sight?
- Forget your authority?
- Pray without releasing any faith?
- Pray as a religious habit?
- Forget how God cares and is always with you?

Prayer …

- Is the weapon of a believer.
- Causes peace to come into a situation.
- Calms the outer and inner man.
- Places the responsibility of the situation on God.
- Causes us to focus on the peacemaker and peace giver.

Let the presence of God cause you to have PEACE today and every day of your life!



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Programas Vrs Personas

Deseo llamar su atención al pasaje de Lucas 6:1-11. Allí se narran dos eventos, en el primero vemos a los discípulos arrancando espigas en el día de reposo; mientras andaban por los sembrados de trigo. En el segundo evento, los escribas y fariseos asechaban a Jesús para ver que iba a hacer con un hombre que tenía una mano enferma, y si sería capaz de no cumplir con guardar el sábado como día de reposo. Si interpretamos correctamente ambos eventos, en uno los discípulos estaban cosechando en el día sábado y en el segundo, Jesús estaba trabajando en el mismo día, aunque solo fuera por la sanidad del hombre enfermo.

Aquí podemos reflexionar en cuanto al ministerio pastoral. En ambos eventos podemos notar que en el ministerio de Jesús, manifestó el hecho de que El esta orientado a las personas y no a los programas. En el primer caso al dejar a los discípulos arrancar espigas en día de reposo es cuando narra de 1 Samuel 21, y que muestra al rey David y sus hombres en una situación extrema de hambre. El sacerdote le permite tomar del pan de la proposición que ya había sido quitado y reemplazado por uno nuevo y fresco.

El trabajo pastoral requiere ese mismo enfoque. Las personas son mas importantes que los programas; es su salud, su alimentación y la ayuda a ellos lo que demanda nuestro tiempo y atención pastoral. Los programas están en función de las personas y no las personas en función de los programas. El problema es que muchas veces en el afan de mantener los programas y las actividades, maltratamos a los hermanos o no permitimos que se produzca un avance aun mayor en la iglesia por causa de mantener las cosas tal como están.

No deseo ser malentendido, yo apruebo los programas. Cada vez que realizamos un evento, este debe estar bien organizado y dentro de un plan bien elaborado, pero el propósito debe ser el de ministrar a las personas, cumplir el propósito de Dios en la visión que hemos recibido de El y no convertirnos en siervos de los programas, a tal grado que pasemos por alto la verdadera realidad del plan de Dios para la gente que estamos alcanzando.

En el segundo caso Jesús les hace una pregunta directa: Es lícito, en el día de reposo, hacer bien o hacer mal? (Lucas 6:9). Esa es la pregunta a la que debemos someter nuestra tarea pastoral:Estamos proveyendo el pan de Dios que sacia a la gente hambrienta o la estamos dejando con hambre? Estamos salvando y restaurando vidas o quitándolas?

Una revisión de nuestros programas a la luz de la misión de la iglesia y el llamado de Dios, nos daría información muy interesante y nos ayudaría a tomar la dirección correcta en la que debemos ir para lograr los resultados de la visión que hayamos recibido de Dios para la iglesia. David Ruiz en su libro *La Transformación de la Iglesia*, dice que un verdadero discípulo es un cristiano incondicional, que es llamado por el Señor a vivir cerca de El, que recibe en forma cotidiana la guía, el poder y el desafío por medio de una disciplina diaria de oración, lectura de la Palabra y testimonio; y entiende que el enfoque más importante de su ministerio son las personas, todas aquellas que requieren que se les haga bien. Esto es aplicable tanto al pastor como a los miembros de la iglesia.

Así el pastor de cada iglesia debe estar involucrado en tres acciones radicales de suma importancia:

1. Hacer bien a las personas, primordialmente a aquellas que caminan hacia la muerte, sin esperanza de conocer al Señor. El pastor debe guiar a la iglesia a apoyar y producir medios que permitan que el evangelio esté disponible para ellas. Debe dedicarse a evangelizar y hacer misiones más allá de sus fronteras locales. La iglesia debe hacer un esfuerzo para usar todos sus recursos, para poner el evangelio a disposición de los que todavía no han tenido oportunidad de escuchar en otras partes del mundo. Esto es misiones en otros países

2. En segundo lugar el pastor debe cumplir fielmente con su responsabilidad de hacer bien a aquellos que de su comunidad que caminan sin Dios y sin esperanza, especialmente aquellos que sí tienen evangelio, pero son negligentes para creer. Debe guiar a la congregación a modelar un estilo de vida que imite el caracter de Jesucristo. Animará a cada creyente para que su círculo de amistades y su ambiente de trabajo sea su púlpito donde prediquen y enseñen el evangelio. Cada creyente debe recibir en su iglesia local la responsabilidad y las herramientas para que

sea testigo de las grandes obras de Dios en sus vida.

3. En tercer lugar el pastor debe cumplir con su responsabilidad de hacer bien a aquellos que forman parte de la congregación. El pastor se ocupa de alimentar, confortar, guiar, acompañar y ungir a la grey de Dios. (Salmo 23; Juan 10:7-16). Todo pastor se ve abrumado por las responsabilidades, sin embargo nuestro mejor deseo es esforzarnos en proveer a cada uno de los miembros la atención que merece, y la mejor que nosotros podamos brindar. Para esto es necesario que el pastor no solo levante los ojos para ver las almas afuera de la iglesia, que se están perdiendo y que estan listas para responder al evangelio; tambien debe levantar los ojos dentro de la congregación para ver a los miembros desde la perspectiva de sus dones y llamado para discipularlos a servir, entrenarlos y ponerlos al lado suyo para ministrar a las necesidades de la congregación.

Los programas, planes y estrategias son de gran valor en la organización de los eventos y actividades que estamos llevando a cabo en la iglesia, pero debemos tener cuidado de no estarnos alejando de lo que Dios en realidad quiere segun la visión de Dios para la iglesia y hacer todo aquello que ayude al cumplimiento de la visión. Todo lo que hagamos no debe verse con la emoción de los números, sino en cómo y cuánto está formando el caracter de Cristo en cada persona, convirtiéndolos en verdaderos discípulos del Señor, que viven en forma incondicional para Dios y su Palabra. Que los programas no nos alejen del verdadero llamado a estar orientados a las personas para formar en ellos la imagen de Cristo.

Avances en la Conferencia de North Carolina

1. A Joel Pava por tomar el desafio de comenzar una nueva obra en Ivanhoe, adelante.
2. A Idelfondo Vargas por iniciar una nueva iglesia en Golsboro, Dios le da la victoria.
3. Por el inicio de la nueva iglesia en Raleigh, bendiciones a Ronny Santiago

Rogamos sus oraciones por nuestra hermana Awilda Concepcion, esposa del Rev. Francisco Concepcion. Dios puede!

Programs Versus People

I want to call your attention to Luke 6:1-11. There are two events narrated; in the first, we see the disciples pulling up some heads of grain on the Sabbath day while they walk by the fields of wheat. In the second event, the Scribes and Pharisees are looking for an opportunity to see what Jesus will do with a man who has a shriveled hand, and whether or not Jesus will be able to keep the Sabbath.

If we interpret both events correctly, in one the disciples were harvesting on the Sabbath day, and in the second, Jesus was working in the same day, although only for the healing of the sick man.

Here we could meditate on the pastoral ministry. In both events, we notice that in the ministry of Jesus, he manifested the fact that he was guided to the people and not to the programs. In the first case, upon allowing the disciples to pull up heads of grain on the Sabbath day, Jesus brings up 1 Samuel 21, and the example of David the king and his men in a situation of extreme hunger. The priest allows them to take the showbread that had already been removed and replaced by new and fresh loaves.

The pastoral work requires that same focus. The people are more important than the programs; it is their health, their feeding, and helping them that demand our time and pastoral attention. The programs are to function for the people, and not the people for the programs. The problem is that many times in the desire to maintain the programs and activities in their traditional form, we mistreat the people, or we do not permit greater development to take place in the church because we maintain things as they are.

Do not misunderstand me; I approve of programs. Every time we carry out an event, we should be very organized and have a well-elaborated plan, but the purpose should be ministry to the people and should complete the purpose of God in the vision we have received from Him. We should not convert ourselves into servants of the programs to such degree that we ignore the true reality of God's plan for the people we are reaching.

In the second event, Jesus asks a direct question to them: "...Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or

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Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Chocolate Icing on a Double Chocolate Cake

by Johnny Pardue
Harvest Temple PH Church

On May 24, 2006, I was privileged to be a part of a Teams project to Rivas, Nicaragua. This was the first layer of chocolate cake. Terry Ellis and I were returning to build Sunday school rooms at a church that we were able to help build four years before. The name of the church in Rivas is Iglesia Sendero de Luz Mission. What a blessing it was to see the pastor, Lydia Soto, and church people who have become so dear to our hearts, and to see how God has blessed them. They have grown from a congregation of about 35 to over 150. They have trained 47 mission workers and finished off the church. It is beautiful. This was the second layer of cake.

The icing on the cake was this: in January 2006, my wife Linda and I started sponsoring a child though People to People. I asked Rev. Nelson to select a child, with two stipulations: first, that the child be a girl (because we have three granddaughters); second, that she be from Central America because that is where I have had the opportunity to work on Teams. Rev. Nelson chose a little girl named Ingrid Morales from Nicaragua. Two days before we left, I found out through the Oklahoma office that she lives in Rivas. On Sunday night, while we were there, I was able to meet her face to face. What a wonderful surprise and a blessing it was!

BEFORE—Iglesia Sendero de Luz Mission

AFTER—Iglesia Sendero de Luz Mission

Johnny Pardue with his People to People child, Ingrid Morales.

Team leader Mike Simpson and another team member, Jim Howard, were also able to meet children they are sponsoring. They had specifically requested the country, city, and church for their sponsorship. Since Linda and I had not, I feel God was especially good to us and gave us this added blessing, one that I will never forget. I truly hope to see Ingrid again on a return trip to Nicaragua.

I would strongly encourage anyone who is able to sponsor a child to do so, as it is an investment in the kingdom of God the effect of which only time and eternity will reveal.

MISSION F.E.S.T.S

Thursday, October 5	Friday, October 6	Saturday, October 7
Living Faith Fellowship PH	New Covenant PH	Cafeteria/Training Center
Rocky Mount, NC	New Bern, NC	Falcon, NC

Plan to be a part of this training event. Important information will be shared, as well as strategy planning for 2007. A meal will also be provided to those present. I urge every pastor and local Missions director to attend, and encourage you to bring a guest with you who has a passion for Missions. Please call Nicole at the conference and reserve your seat at one of these events!

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The 2006 Church Planters' School is the first-ever event of its kind held in the North Carolina Conference. Our expectations are high as we anticipate this to be one of the major training events for the individuals ***and*** congregations across our conference who are potential church planters. The school will be a vital catalyst from which all who attend will be able to receive valuable mentoring, training, insight, and resources to equip and enable all church planters. The speakers for this event are well versed in the areas of church planting, evangelism, and church growth:

- ***Dr. Ron Carpenter***, executive director of Evangelism USA–IPHC
- ***Dr. Owen Weston***, director of City Quest, Evangelism USA–IPHC
- ***Rev. Macon Wilson***, director of African American Ministries–IPHC
- ***Rev. David Avila***, director of Hispanic Ministries-IPHC

DO NOT miss this unique and awesome opportunity to receive exclusive training and resources for the planting of churches across our conference. We anticipate the response and participation, from our conference and other conferences that are invited, to be positive and overwhelming.

This training is open to ANYONE who has a heart for church planting, not just pastors and ministers. Please call Nicole at the conference office—910-980-1162—as soon as possible to reserve your spot at the 2006 Church Planters' School. I look forward to seeing YOU.

Even if you hve never thought of planting a church yourself, you need to attend these sessions to know what is happening in your area and how you can be involved!

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to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" (Luke 6: 9). That is the question to which we should subject our pastoral task: Are we providing the bread of God that satiates the hunger of the people, or are we leaving them hungry? Are we saving and restoring lives or removing them?

A revision of our programs in light of the mission of the church and the call of God would give us interesting information and help us take the correct direction in order to achieve the results of the vision we have received from God for the church. David Ruiz, in his book *The Transformation of the Church*, says that a true disciple is an unconditional Christian who is called by the Lord to live near Him, who receives guidance, power, and challenge by means of a daily discipline of prayer, reading the Word, and testimony, and understands that the most important focus of his ministry is people, who require that he do his work well. This is applicable as well to the pastor and to the members of the church.

So the pastor of each church should be involved in three radical actions of high importance:

1. Do good to people, primarily those who are on the road toward death without the hope that comes from knowing the Lord. The pastor should guide the church to support and produce means to permit the gospel to be available for them. He should be devoted to evangelism and missions work beyond local borders. The church should make an effort to use all its resources to place the gospel in parts of the world where people have still not had opportunity to listen to it. This means missions farther than their local borders, missions into other countries.

2. In the second place, the pastor should accomplish faithfully his responsibility to do good to those living in surroundings areas who are walking without God and without hope, especially those who have some knowledge of the gospel, but are negligent in obeying and believing. The pastor must guide the congregation to model a style of life that imitates the character of Jesus Christ. He will encourage all believers so that their circles of friends and their workplaces are their pulpits, where they preach and teach the gospel. Each believer should receive the responsibility and the tools in his local church to be a witness of the big works of God in his life. This means to evangelize his community.

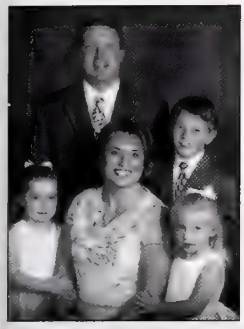
3. The third thing is that the pastor should fulfill his responsibility to do good to those who are part of the congregation. The pastor takes care of feeding, comforting, guiding, accompanying, and anointing the flock of God (Psalm 23; John 10:7-16). Every pastor is overwhelmed by his/her responsibilities; however, our better desire is to make an effort to provide each one of the members the attention that he or she deserves, and the best that we can offer. It is necessary that the pastor not only lift his eyes to see the souls away from the church, those who are lost and ready to respond to the gospel, but also to lift his eyes inside the congregation in order to see to the members from the perspective of their gifts and callings, then disciple them to serve, train them, and put them on his side in ministering to the needs of the congregation.

Programs are of great value in organizing the events and activities we are carrying out in the church, but we should be careful not to distance ourselves from what God in fact wants, according to His vision for the church, and we should do everything that helps in executing that vision. All that we do should not be driven by numbers, but by how well we are forming the character of Christ in each person, converting people into true disciples of the Lord, who live in an unconditional way for God and His Word. We need to be careful that our programs don't distance us from the true call to guide people in order to form the image of Christ in them.

Fulfillments in the North Carolina Conference

1. To Joel Pava for taking the challenge to start a new church in Ivanhoe, go forward.
2. Idelfondo Vargas is starting the new church in Golsboro, God give them the victory.
3. We start the new church in Raleigh, blessings to Ronny Santiago

Please pray for our sister Awilda Concepcion, wife of Rev. Francisco Concepcion. God is able!



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Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

The God of the "Unlikely"

by Sarah M. Salter, CEM Department Secretary

Have you ever noticed how God takes the most unlikely people in the most unlikely places and does the most unlikely tasks through them? If you think about it, Jesus called twelve of the most unlikely followers from the most unlikely places, and then used them to change the entire world and the entire course of history! Who would ever have thought it was possible to do all that through such a small, insignificant, and motley group of men? But when you add God to the equation, it doesn't matter who is the vessel used—phenomenal things will happen!

I was still very new to the CEM office when I learned that we (CEM) were deeply involved in the process of leasing acreage from Falcon Children's Home to develop as a campground for the Royal Rangers ministry. The North Carolina Conference Royal Rangers had assembled a task force, started raising money, and started preparing the land. Once every six or eight weeks, a small group of volunteers would venture down into the woods across the street from Falcon Children's Home on a Saturday. There were no crowds of onlookers. There was no ceremony. No fanfare. No glory. Just a small group of dedicated men who believed in what God was doing.

To those of us who are involved in this project on a daily basis, it is obvious that this vision is absolutely from God. We see God moving in immeasurable, unspeakable ways. One example of this move was this past spring. Even though the campground isn't completed, the Goldsboro District ventured out there one weekend with a group of their young Rangers. On Monday, I received the report that over the weekend, two young boys had given their lives to Christ, and one man had rededicated his life to Christ. This is what the Royal Rangers ministry is all about. The Royal Rangers ministry is about "reaching, teaching, and keeping boys for Christ." The campground is going to be that place where we can send our Rangers to meet God, see His creation, learn Who He is, and who He has called them to be. I thank God for Ranger Commanders who sacrifice of themselves to lay a foundation of godly truth and spiritual principles in the lives of these young men so that when the enemy comes against them, they will have the weapons with which to fight.

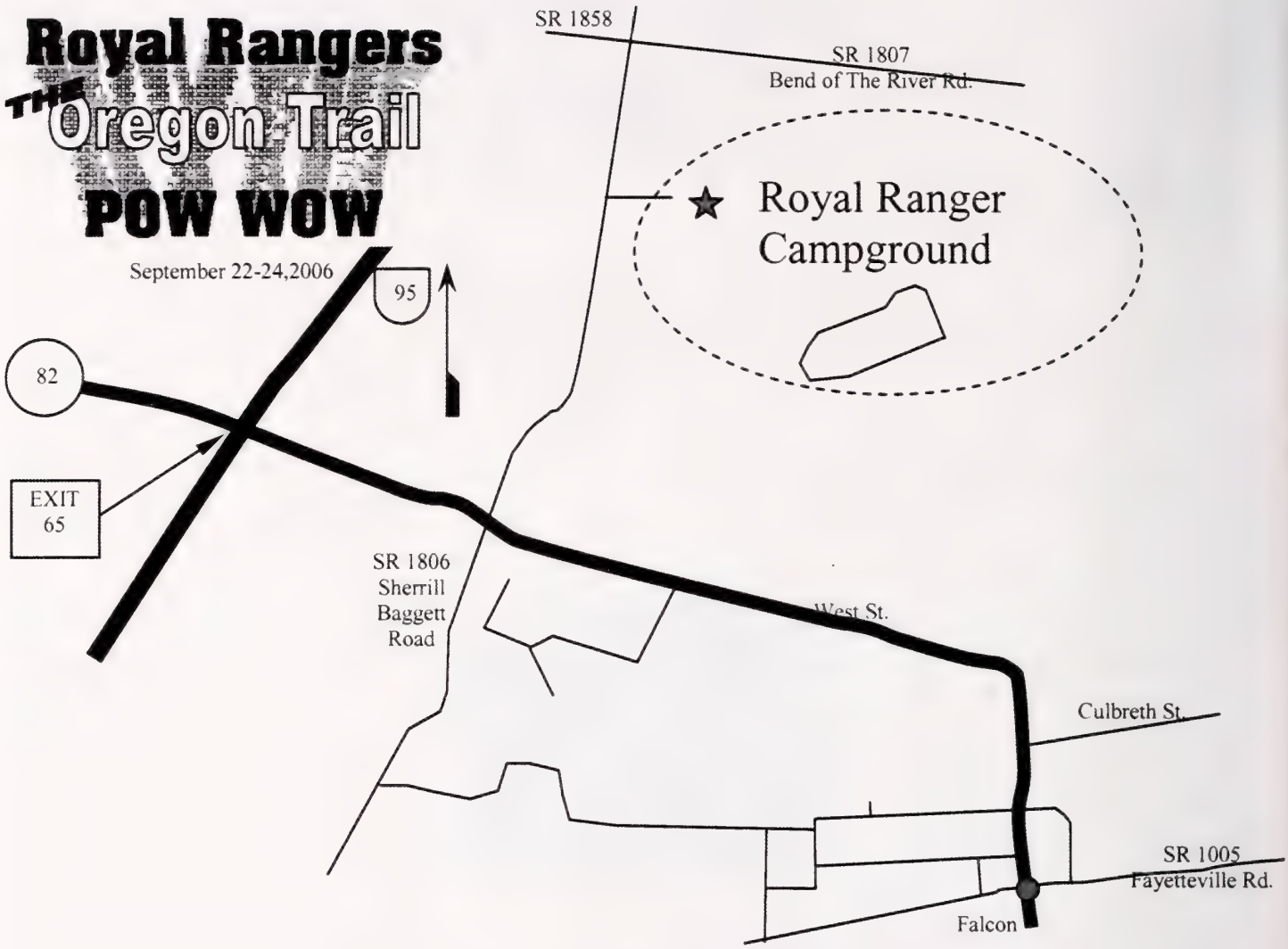
Royal Rangers from the Goldsboro District work on preparing the floor at MOAB for concrete to be poured.

Rangers get involved in the work of clearing campsites for Pow Wow (Sept. 22-24, 2006).

Volunteers from throughout the NC Conference work on building a porch at the Headquarters Building / Welcome Center.

One of the great blessings we have seen throughout this project has been the incredible commitment, passion, and generosity of our volunteers. At this time, we have two buildings in progress: a headquarters building/welcome center and a bathhouse that is reverently referred to as "MOAB" (Mother of All Bathhouses). We have had tens of thousands of dollars' worth of materials and labor donated, including many of the plumbing supplies for the bathhouse and the shingles for our roofs. The occasional weekend workday has now become an every weekend workday. And really, on any given day during the week, you can drive through and find someone working somewhere on the property. In short, the campground is full of life, just as God intended for it to be!

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 says, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him—but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit." We have definitely experienced that here in Falcon. Back in the 1990s, when the leaders of the Royal Rangers started to discuss building a campground, none of them knew what it was going to become or the kind of work it was going to require. In fact, if some of them had known the kinds of obstacles they would come up against, they might have given up right then and there. Thank God that He has given us leaders at all levels of Royal Rangers that have vision, determination, and the love of Jesus Christ that strengthens their faith regardless of what their eyes see. And thank God that He continues to work through unlikely people in unlikely places to do unlikely things!



We are excited to announce that the 2006 Pow Wow will be held at the newly developed NC Conference Royal Rangers Campground. During Pow Wow, we will also be having a dedication ceremony for the campground. For Pow Wow preregistration information or other Royal Rangers information, please contact the CEM office at 910-980-1162.

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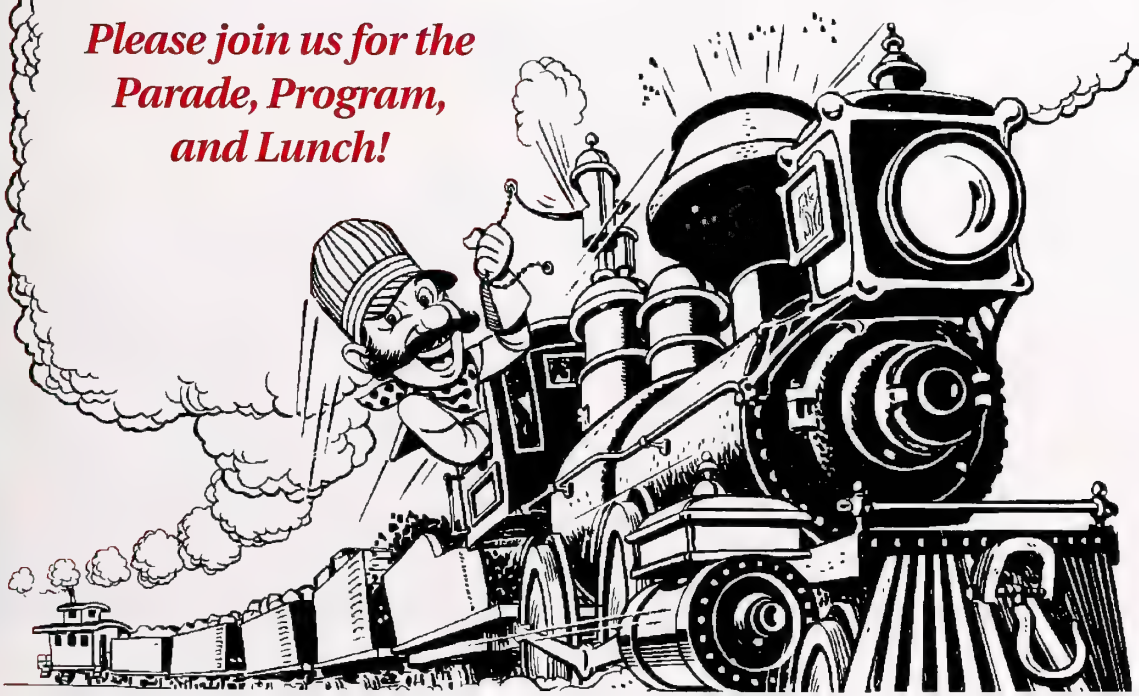

From the Bishop

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

In Celebration of Mrs. Eva Louine Cooper Lee

On Friday, August 18, 2006, Mrs. Louine Lee, wife of former North Carolina Conference Superintendent Reverend J. Doner Lee, departed this world and entered her heavenly home. At the time of her homegoing, she was a resident at Windsor Point Nursing Center in Fuguay Varina, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lee was born on October 8, 1922, to Henry E. and Eva J. Cooper of Falcon, North Carolina. She grew up in Falcon and married J. Doner Lee. After her husband's call to preach, she journeyed with him to Greenville, South Carolina, where he attended Holmes Bible College. She and Reverend J. Doner Lee would have been married 65 years in October.

Together this couple served as pastor of the Thunder Swamp Church, Mount Olive for five years, the Emmanuel Church in Raleigh for five years, and the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn for five years. In 1965, Reverend Lee became the Superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He served until he retired in 1986. Sister Lee was the First Lady, and a wonderful first lady she was.

Sister Lee was a lady of great dignity and presence. She was known for her encouragement and support of her husband. She was quick to compliment and offer her best wishes for the Lord's work. She was a family woman and always put her husband and family first

Reverend Lee said these words of his wife on their retirement in 1986: "It has been our joy and privilege to serve together for these 21 years. Mrs. Lee has served by my side as my stabilizer, helpmate, prayer warrior, and constant companion. Together we have shared your sorrows, your joys, griefs, pain, love and understanding." (*Evangel*, June 1986)

Mrs. Lee is survived by her husband; two sons, J. Don Lee and wife, Joan, of Raleigh and Stanley C. Lee and wife, Elaine of Raleigh; grandchildren Shawn Lee and wife, Ashley, Heather Long and husband, Luke, Sherry Faw and husband, Todd, and Grayson Lee and wife, Shannon; nine great-grandchildren, and a sister, Dorothy Cooper Oliver.

The celebration service was held on August 20 at her home church, Culbreth Memorial in Falcon, North Carolina. Bishop D. Chris Thompson, the Reverend J. Danny Nelson, and the Reverend Wiley Clark officiated. It was a powerful service. The church was filled to capacity with friends and loved ones. A large number of ministers and their spouses were present. She was laid to rest in a specially designed above-ground vault at the Falcon Memorial Cemetery. This granite vault is engraved with the life story of the Lees.

This lady was a dear friend and encourager to Betty and me. She was a blessing to our early years of ministry. She found a way to express her love to us and to speak well of our three boys. She always wanted to know of their progress in the Lord's work. She is gone for the present, but not lost to us. We know where she is!

A New Quadrennium, A New Beginning

On August 29 the Bishop's Strategic Advisory Council met. It was a great meeting. I took a few moments to review what the Lord had done in our midst over the last quadrennium. He has blessed the North Carolina Conference richly. I then took a few minutes to review some quadrennial and long-term goals that had been shared with the newly elected North Carolina Conference Board on June 27. The Lord has given us some clear direction. Allow me to share with the reader some of the items in the above two categories.

The conference experienced some substantial growth over the last quadrennium. The net number of church members increased from 25,869 to 27,613, a gain of 1744. The net number of churches increased from 191 to 208. This was a net increase of 17 churches. (During this period some 24 churches closed). The number of net licensed and ordained ministers increased from 419 to 431. (Some 83 ministers withdrew by transfer, relocation, etc.)

During this quadrennium, the General tithe went up 63 percent, and the minister's tithe went up 23 percent. The North Carolina Conference budget went from 8 percent to 4 percent from the church. This was a 50-percent drop in percentage allocation. However, the net difference in dollars was only a 22 percent drop. Praise the Lord for these financial increases.

During this past quadrennium, several new staff people were employed. These are a full-time Hispanic supervisor, a full-time Hispanic secretary, a new grounds/buildings person, and a part-time Archives director. In addition, the department heads (not full-time) were given a monthly honorarium.

The campus resources changed dramatically. The new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium was constructed at a cost of $2,738,000. The boy's dorm was remodeled. The Thurman land across from the office was purchased for future expansion. An archives center was constructed. New offices were established and furbished. A recreational field behind the Octagon Tabernacle was leased and constructed.

Yes, much has been done, but much is before the conference.

We are in desperate need of more of God. We need more of His manifest presence in our lives and within the churches. Forty-five percent of the churches are growing at less than one percent per year. This means 93 of our churches. This must be turned around. (In 1986 this figure was at 67 percent. Praise the Lord; we have made progress.)

We need more new churches. This year already, 12 new churches have been started. Our first predominantly African-American church has been received (Breakthrough Revival Center, Greenville, with 117 members). The Lord is at work. We need to reach and establish 100 Hispanic churches. We presently have 58.

During this first year of the new quadrennium, we have hired a part-time loan officer and part-time assistant to the bishop. A new office has been created and furnished for the part-time secretary/treasurer. The Lord is at work in our midst. Presently new bathrooms are being constructed behind the Octagon Tabernacle. A new Royal Rangers Campground is being created on 90 acres in Falcon. It will be absolutely beautiful.

Space will not permit an elaborate discussion here, but following is a list of several goals. This list would make an excellent list for prayer:

- Goal of membership by 2010.....35,000
- Goal of attendance by 2010.....24,000
- Goal of systematic Bible study by 2010 ...15,000
- Goal of total churches by 2010.....260

2007 Goals:

- Construction of 9-bedroom Sudie Butler Guesthouse on Thurman Land
- Construction of 12-space RV Court
- Hiring a new conference receptionist
- Hiring additional special-event cleaning help
- New conference church reports
- Relocation of some offices

Quadrennial Goals:

- Lower debt on new auditorium by at least 50 percent to $750,000
- Design and plan new building
  - Archives Center
  - Welcome Center
  - Campus Signs
  - New Dormitory Space
- Double Ministerial and Church Extension Loan Fund to 25 million
- Hire full time Loan Fund officer
- Hire other personnel (full- and/or part-time)
  - Women's Ministries director
  - Men's Ministries director
  - Youth/Children's director
- Plan for 2011 Centennial

Other Campus Projects:

- Remodel and enlarge canteen
- Renovate offices in present building
- Install elevator in office building
- Demolish Old Tabernacle (unless miracle gift)
- Pave and create parking lots (Octagon, old putt putt area, next to boys' dorm, between canteen and old tabernacle, office building, guesthouse) May the Lord guide, and may He direct!

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Aluminum Foil, Bath Towels, Ethnic Hair Products, Pillows, Syrup, Table Napkins, Trash Bags (30+ Gallon), Twin Size Comforters, Zip-Lock Bags (Gallon), Washcloths

2" and 3" 3-Ring Binders, Book Dividers, Brooms, Can Openers, Canned Fruit, Canned Juice, Carpet Cleaner, Ironing Boards, Irons, Salad Dressing, Scissors, Spices, Spray Starch, Trash Cans (13-Gallon With Lid)

Allergy Medicine, Cough Syrup, Face Scrub, Imodium, Liquid Cleaners (e.g., Lysol, Pine-Sol, Windex), Mops, Oral Thermometers, Pain Relievers (Adults' and Children's)

Athletic Socks (Girls' and Boys'), Boys' Dress Socks, Girls'/ Ladies' Pantyhose, Paper Cups, Paper Plates, Plastic Forks and Spoons, T-Shirts, Boys' and Girls' Underwear

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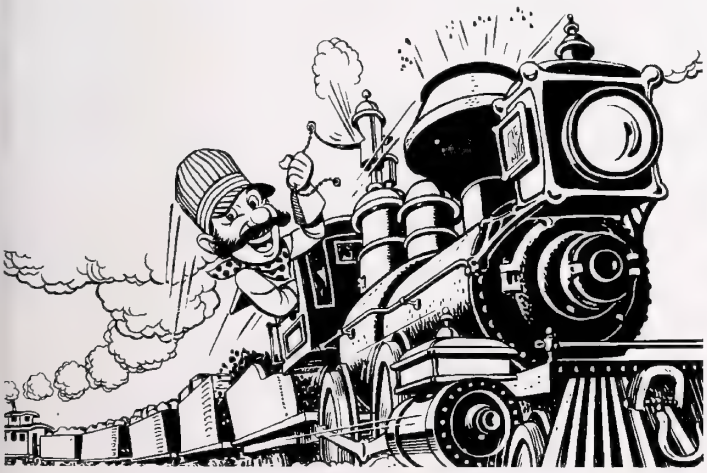

Retired Ministers' Birthdays October and November

Rev. J. Doner Lee	October 2
Rev. J. B. Perry	October 3
Rev. W. A. Crawford	October 3
Rev. W. B. Satterfield	October 13
Rev. Kenneth Dixon	October 13
Rev. Thomas Conway	October 14
Rev. Thesbia Byrd	October 15
Rev. Linwood Manning	October 15
Rev. Lotis Joyner	October 17
Rev. Pauline Knowles	October 18
Rev. Louise Smith	October 31
Rev. Emmett Turner	November 12
Rev. Sue Parker	November 13
Rev. Kenneth Autry	November 26

Westmoreland Church News

Westmoreland Pentecostal Holiness Church in Wilson, North Carolina, after 45 years of church history was able to conduct its first on-site water baptismal service July 2, 2006, thanks to Pastor Vance Harrell and the congregation at 1st Pentecostal Holiness Church in Wilson. Their portable baptistery unit (shown in the photo) was placed in the fellowship hall, and 11 converts were baptized in water. Shown in the photo are Pastor Jerry R. Nelson, with Phillip Pearson assisting as Craig Hunter is being baptized.

Westmoreland Pentecostal Holiness Church recently received a 1999 ES-350 Super Duty Ford Econoline 15-passengar van valued at $10,000. The van was given as a gift from Kim Duke-Clark of Bluffton, South Carolina. She said, "I will always cherish fond memories of growing up in the church and have taken with me lifelong lessons taught to me through the dedicated church members. God has called me to work with children, as prophesied at Falcon Youth Camp at the age of twelve. I own two Christian preschools, with a third being built."

The van shown in the photo is the same make, model, and color of Westmoreland's existing van. To God be the Glory.

–Jerry R. Nelson, Pastor

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century

by Thomas L. Friedman. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 593 pages.

In case you haven't noticed lately, the world is changing. In the name of human progress, the great changes and swift advances in communication and technology occurring now will greatly affect the direction of the world in the years to come. Globalization has indeed shifted to warp drive, causing the world to be "flat," meaning that the world is smaller, and therefore conceptually more easily managed by the world organizations whose intent is more subtle and subversive than most people could possibly imagine.

Essentially, the playing fields for nations and continents have been leveled. For example, India and China, always rapidly growing, not just in human population, but also in technological advances, have become giants in the whole global supply chain. The process of global integration is upon us. If America does not change and adjust to the global changes, she will become a small player in the world economy instead of the economic superpower she has been for the last fifty years or so. Did you know that 400,000 U.S. tax returns were done in India in 2005? In a decade, where will this kind of outsourcing lead? Thanks to the World Wide Web, fiberoptic cable, e-mail, teleconferencing, cell phones, and UPS, the world has shrunk, becoming synchronized, therefore making nationalism a withering, dying dinosaur. Man's Tower of Babel rises again!

Friedman lists 10 flatteners caused by the convergence of ten major political events, innovations, and companies, and discusses the nature and impact of each upon global integration. The ten flatteners include (1) the new age of creativity: when the Berlin Wall came down and the Windows (MS) came up; (2) the new age of connectivity: when the Web went around and Netscape went public; (3) work-flow software such as the Tower of Babel software; (4) up-loading; (5) out-sourcing; (6) off-shoring; (7) supply-chaining; (8) in-sourcing; (9) in-forming (Google, Yahoo!); and (10) the Steroids, or advances in wireless technology that include digital, mobile, personal, and virtual. The bottom line is that people all around the world can "work and communicate from anywhere to anywhere with anything." The Internet has made the whole world one marketplace. When the ten flatteners began to converge, our 21st-century world became globalized, creating a frictionless global playing field and market for all nations.

What does this mean? It means a person in India can compete for jobs in America for decent pay and stay at home! As Friedman wrote, "In a flat world, you can innovate without having to emigrate." A person can work anywhere in the world and remain in his own village. You may order your McDonald's cheeseburger from someone working in Russia!

What does a flat world mean? It means every aspect of life and every aspect of society will change. The greatest collaboration and connection of the world is upon us. National boundaries now blurred could be erased.

Where does this leave the Church? Of course, Friedman doesn't offer much advice and counsel on this subject, but the implications are clear. Pluralism will become a stronger force. People have greater access to more information, including corrupt information. The corrupt philosophies of the world will become more widely disseminated and, in time, attractive to many of our people in this country. While the spirit of antichrist works tirelessly, Christianity will become one faint voice among so many others. As the influence of the Internet increases, and as false prophets and teachers seek new ways to communicate their message, Christians will need a powerful dose of discernment. The Church should also wisely use the advantages of a flat world to herald the message of the Gospel to others around the world.

What are the implications of this national synchronization? The last of the last days are here. The One World government is not far behind the One World market. The one who controls the money controls the world. The computer and technology substantially decreases the amount of time to bring about change. The distant horizon of Babel could only be a mirage. The world returns to the cradle of civilization to bring about the consummation of civilization. The global golden ziggurat will be seen from the Euphrates. (Isaiah 13-14; Jeremiah 51-52; Zechariah 5; Revelation 17-18)

Interestingly enough, Friedman advocates that the key to this free-trade globalization is human imagination. He wrote, "We need to think more seriously than ever about how we encourage people to focus on productive outcomes that advance and unite civilization—peaceful imaginations that seek to minimize alienation and celebrate interdependence rather than self-sufficiency, inclusion rather than exclusion, openness, opportunity, and hope rather than limits, suspicion, and grievance." Genesis 11:6 refers to the power of human imagination in the building of the Mesopotamian temple-tower made of an advanced baked brick. The 21st-century humanists believe technological advances will save the world! The advances have united the world with one common (computer) language. All that remains is the rise of One Common Leader! Even so come, Lord Jesus.

Portraits of God: A Biblical Theology of Holiness

by Allan Coppedge. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press. 432 pages.

God wants to be known personally and intimately. How often do we pray, "Lord, I want to know you better"? The knowledge of God is not the same as "knowing Him." While acknowledging the incomprehensibility of God, the whole of Scripture presents beautiful portraits or roles of God that allow the believer to understand Him in His fullness and to appreciate the "vast and diverse riches of the Bible's descriptions of the Almighty." This does not mean we worship God by tangible pictures and images, but rather, we allow the Scripture to explain the Person of God in ways we can understand. For example, the fullness of the Scripture helps us comprehend the fullness of the Savior.

The purpose of this book is to present a comprehensive survey of the portraits or roles of God and examine the implications of those roles. In addition, Coppedge sets out to explore the teachings of Scripture concerning the holiness of God and its multiple dimensions. An increased understanding of the Person and the various roles of God can lead to an effort to relate directly to the Lord in all the roles.

Eight major biblical roles of God are listed and explained. The roles include Creator, King, Personal Revealer, Priest, Judge, Father, Redeemer, and Shepherd. The author acknowledges there are more roles than these, but the emphases seem to be upon these major roles. The impressive table 1.4 on page 32 presents the roles of God with theological themes from a holistic perspective. It would provide the basis for an outstanding series of messages on the Portraits of God. The author strives to make the information useful by helping the reader see how biblical truth can be applied to daily living. He wrote, "Helping people understand Christian truth in categories of creation language, legal language, family language, etc., makes it much easier for them to conceptualize truth in their own minds and apply it to their own lives."

If anyone desires a close relationship with God, holiness cannot be ignored. God is holy, and His holiness immediately implies separation, righteousness, love, power, and goodness. Holiness must, in fact, be embraced and experienced by the believer. Who truly relates to God without righteousness and reverence? Who speaks to God without truth? Who enjoys His presence without His consent? Who is able to abide in His tabernacle? The righteous and upright who speak truth enjoy His presence.

The author contends that the key to relating to God is to possess a holistic understanding of God's character. For example, some people seem to relate to God only as a judge to be feared, or perhaps as a sovereign King whose chamber only a few are able to enter. The goal is to grasp a balanced understanding of the major roles of God that are directly connected with God's holiness as the unifying attribute.

Holiness is the essence of the person of God. He is holy in all His works, including fellowship with believers! To know God better, one must understand the holiness of God. Fellowship with God requires more than a simple believing relationship. It also requires a right relationship with Him. The strong exhortation to be holy stands to reason because God is holy. God does not value any by their high birth, but He does value holiness. The divine imperative for today's church is to preach holiness. We must teach holiness in our classrooms. We must live holy lives, allowing Christ to purify us, making us morally pure and helpful in Christian service.

Anyone desiring to know God more intimately is encouraged to read this publication. Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners."
(1 Cor. 15:33)

Dear Women of God,

Do you remember your mother or grandmother saying, "One bad apple spoils the whole bunch," or "You're known by the company you keep"? They knew, just as we do today, that our children do not always make the best decisions. Sometimes they get involved with individuals who end up being a negative influence on them.

Do you realize that we have a great opportunity through Girls' Ministries to make a difference in the lives of our young girls? If you have only one girl in your local church, you need the Missionettes Program. This is a wonderful tool for outreach.

Our new Girls' Ministries Team is eager and anxious to help you organize this program in your church. Our goal is for every church in the North Carolina Conference to have an active Girls' Ministries group(s). We must be intentional in our ministry for these young souls. Remember, young girls become young ladies, and young ladies become young women. Who will be your next WM director?

The Girls' Ministries Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 in Falcon. Please make plans now to bring your girls and join us for this time of fun and fellowship.

Remember, together we can make a difference!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Girls' Ministries Team: Lydia Mills, Nicole Turransky, Crystal Grant and Rita Davis

POTPOURRI....

- Slice tomatoes from the stem end down. They'll lose less juice.
- Always lay a mat both outside and inside doorways that lead into the house to cut down on the dirt coming in on shoes.
- Don't store clothes in plastic bags – fabric can't breathe properly, and in a damp climate it promotes mildew.

"Sharing Sister Birthday Bash!"

On Tuesday, June 6, the Lumberton First Women's Ministries hosted their Sharing Sister, Westview PH Church, for a "Birthday Bash." There were twelve tables decorated – one for each month of the year. As the guests arrived, they were instructed to sit at the table decorated for their birth month.

The ladies enjoyed a time of prayer and devotion by Gloria Smith, who spoke on "How Special Sisters Are." Following the devotion, the ladies feasted on traditional birthday foods – hot dogs, chips, and cake!

Entertainment was provided by The Crooked Mouth Family, followed by party games – smartie sucker, banana race, T-shirt stuff, 'nilla wafer stack, and a good old-fashioned hoola-hoop contest! The ladies really enjoyed the time of fun and fellowship, and each lady took home a special gift to remember the special occasion, and a goody bag!

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The Work and the Need Continue

submitted by Ronnie Basden and Bobby Williams

I recently received an e-mail that contained an inspiring testimony from two young men who recently went on a mission trip to the Gulf Coast of the U.S.A. It serves to both inform us of the great continuing need and to inspire us as to what can be accomplished by those who will give of themselves and allow themselves to be the arms, hands, feet, legs, and embrace of God to those in need. Please allow this testimony to move you.

A group from the North Carolina Conference of the IPHC recently visited Mississippi and New Orleans in order to help victims of hurricane Katrina. We did not know exactly what to expect after a full year of recovery. In some areas of New Orleans and Mississippi, it looked like it just happened yesterday. We could not believe that something like this could happen in our own backyards. The devastation was unbelievable. One of the questions that went through our minds was how these people could live in FEMA trailers no bigger than some of our living rooms. We also wondered why it was taking so long to give relief to these people, our people. Needless to say, we had the motivation to work as hard as we could in order to get as much work done as possible. In just one week, we met new people from our conference and stood together in order to accomplish a great task. Some of us were experienced in the tasks that we were assigned, and some of us had never even held a hammer, but we were determined to make a difference in someone's life. With these people, we have accomplished tearing out damaged walls, insulation, and floors, taking shingles off, erecting walls, insulating, cleaning the streets, and being the hands and feet of God. We were able to finish all of the tasks that we were assigned, including finishing one house and preparing the other houses to be finished by the next groups. This Missions Quest really opened up our eyes and made us realize how good we really have it. If more people worked as this group worked in this one week, not only overseas or a couple of states over, but in our own hometowns, our local churches and communities would have a much stronger bond. As we departed from the people we helped and the ones to whom we witnessed, our hearts were lifted because we knew that we made a difference, but at the same time our hearts were heavy with grief because we knew that there is still so much devastation and so much more help needed. As we made the trip back home safely, we knew that there was nothing else we could do now except to pray for those who continue to be devastated. "God, please send more workers."

—Jesse Sechler & William Knox

Wiley and Jean Clark

Retired Ministers Department

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Mrs. Louine Lee
Went to heaven
August 18, 2006

Impacting Lives

Through the years, many people come into our lives. Some pass without event, like ships in the darkness of night. Others leave lasting footprints, impacting our lives in such powerful ways that we remember them almost daily.

Just recently some of my favorite cousins from Virginia came to visit Jean and me for a couple of days. While the ladies were busy preparing dinner, my cousin Kelly and I took a stroll around Falcon in my golf cart. I wanted him to see up close our conference facilities, especially the new J. A. Culbreth Tabernacle, and other structures. Just before returning home, I took him out to the Falcon Memorial Cemetery. He was really impressed with the Culbreth Tomb, and we took some time talking about the great contributions Mr. Culbreth made to Falcon and the various ministries of our conference and church.

Then we observed other monuments and names. Many of the persons buried there, some of whose funerals I had conducted, I knew personally. I could talk to him firsthand about W. Eddie Morris, Raymond M. Pope, John W. Brooks, Clifton L. Turpin, W. Harvey Morris, N. Doner and N. Ralph Lucas, Jr., Kenneth W. Clark, Joe L. Russell, Judy W. Gipson … and the list could go on and on. Of course, there were many more of whom I may have heard, but I really did not know them.

After we had talked for some time, I said to my cousin, "Kelly, you know, these people buried here don't seem to be so far way, even though they are dead and gone; there is a connection, a relationship, a closeness I feel with them because I knew them, loved them, fellowshiped with them … they were my peers and fellow workers and a part of my life." We stood in silence for a moment and then rode on home, discussing further what had just been said.

I wonder if you have ever felt like that about those whom you have known and loved. Yes, it is true, some impacted our lives in more powerful ways than others, but all of them influenced us to some degree.

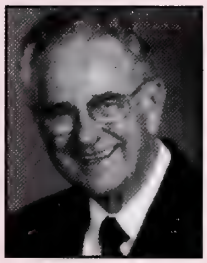
Then suddenly, it hit me – what kind of impact am I having on people, and are the footprints I leave directing others in the right way? You see, it's not so much what we have achieved, **but whether we have made a difference**. It's knowing we have touched the lives of others and in some way made our world a better place for those who follow us, should Jesus tarry. – WTC

DON'T FORGET!
Retired Ministers Christmas Luncheon
Date was: December 7
Date change: November 30
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Conference Cafeteria/Training Center, Falcon, N.C.

Where Are They Now?

Raleigh and Dee Horton

Many will remember Rev. Horton saying, "I used to punch for the devil; now I'm punching for Jesus." That was back in the '50s, '60s, and '70s when he and his wife Gertrude, pastored here and evangelized up and down the east coast. He joined the conference in 1953 and served for 21 years before retiring in 1974. After the passing of his first wife, he married Dee in 1993. About eight years later, Raleigh became disabled. Dee cared for him in their home until four years ago, when he was placed at Guardian Care of Elizabeth City, N.C. Raleigh's body is somewhat drawn, and his mind is not good though he sometimes remembers and talks. Dee, who is 86, stays home except for visiting with Raleigh and an occasional dinner with friends. She requests your prayers for Raleigh and herself and is thankful that they are still remembered and loved by their fellow ministers and friends.



J. Doner Lee

For 21 years, our beloved Brother J. Doner Lee served our conference as superintendent. Prior to this, he and Mrs. Lee pastored. They even returned to the pastorate after his retirement in 1986. Until their health began to fail them, they lived in Falcon and were very active in ministry. About four years ago, they relocated to the Windsor Point Care Center in Fuquay, N.C. Just recently, Mrs. Lee went home to heaven (see above). Her funeral was held here in Falcon, and she was laid to rest in the Falcon Memorial Cemetery on August 20, 2006. In a recent visit with Mr. Lee, he felt well enough to sing a few words of his dad's favorite song, "The House That Stood the Storm," and a fun favorite, "The Greedy Worm." His testimony of God's saving grace is solid, even though his health is not good. He sends his love to all and appreciates your prayers very much.

Ezra and Donna Fan

Ezra and Donna live in Goldsboro, N.C. Ezra graduated from Holmes Bible College and soon after joined the conference in 1952. He retired in 1977. Donna served faithfully by his side during their pastoral years. Some years ago, she suffered a stroke that affected her voice, but otherwise she is physically well. Ezra is now 91 years old. They attend, when able, the First Church in Goldsboro. Recently they moved to the Somerset Court Assisted Living Center in Goldsboro. Ezra wishes above all else that he were able to preach. He misses preaching God's Word! But he wants everyone to know that he keeps his heart right with God. In fact, he said, "I'm sold out on going to heaven, and I have no qualms about death. I'm ready if He should call." Both of them love the Lord and send their love to everyone.

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"My Heart Is Fixed, O God, My Heart Is Fixed..."

The ministerial life is a very rewarding life. We reap a lot of our rewards here on earth and cannot help but be ever thankful to our Lord and Savior for the life He has given us to live. Of course, there are heartaches in anything we do on this earth.

We, as Job, sometimes have more than a normal person can bear to come to our lives and ministries. But God is faithful to be ever at our side and even to go before us!

Jeremiah 1:5 reads, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." This is one scripture that keeps me going in my life's walk. I know that every part of my life is directed by the Lord. Even the bad things are directed by the Lord. My responsibility is to be faithful to Him and, most of all, to trust Him with every detail.

I believe even Job realized this truth, that God is faithful and will not desert His own children. After all that Job had gone through, in Job 13:15 he says, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him."

In this world we live in, there are all kinds of attitudes with which I believe God is not pleased. Many times these attitudes and criticisms are directed toward God's servants whether they deserve them or not. 1 Samuel 26:9b says, "For who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?" Whether people slaughter another by talking and gossip or by treating someone in an unchristian way, God will take care of His anointed.

Let our hearts be ever seeking the Lord's guidance in these situations. Psalm 19:14 reads as follows: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." Let our hearts say, as David did in Psalm 57:7, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise." What better way can we live our lives than to live in confidence and praise to the God that we owe so much!

MWF Meeting at Camp Meeting: Inspiring

The Ministers' Wives Meeting at Camp Meeting was such an inspirational meeting. Mrs. Anne Williams spoke from her heart and encouraged each one who attended. Anne gave all praise to the Lord for all the blessings He gave in the midst of tragedy. God has used many people and churches to reach out to them and help them through this time in their lives. Continue to pray for them because they are not even close to being back in a home. (They are staying in the ATAM house in Greenville until they can get a house built.)

I would like to thank all those who helped with the planning and preparation for the meeting. My MWF board just seemed to take over and do it all so I wouldn't have to worry about a thing. They are Regena Whitfield, Kim Wood, Lilliana Avila, Laura Boyd, and Mrs. Edna Parker. I thank the Lord for each of them and their many talents! May God bless them!

If you were unable to attend the MWF Banquet, please come to the MPM meeting for your district. There are usually two districts within driving distance of each other, one at night and one during the morning. The wives of the ministers have a sharing time together, and it really turns out to be a good time of fellowship, sharing the Word and sharing our hearts, which also includes prayer requests and praise reports. The ladies that have come in the past just do not want to miss a meeting. Please come and join us.

"May God bless and keep you and make His face to shine upon you and give you peace."

Until next time,
Betty T.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

"... That He May Run That Readeth It"

The LORD is saying in Habakkuk 2:2b, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." Habakkuk is telling us that God gave him instructions to write the vision and make it plain so that even the simplest of men could understand it and so that he who read it would run with the news of it.

We are living in a time of new things in the church world. So many times we do not know how we feel about some of the things that happen in services, but from the time I started going to services at the Pentecostal Holiness Church, the Lord dealt with me about having an open heart. It is easy to be critical about people and what they do, but God requires us to be open to Him and His Spirit, and therefore we will come out for the better.

There is so much debate about the music in the church, and I'm not going to tell you which is the right way to worship except to seek Him and His will. Because of the way I was bought up, I have learned to love a lot of different kinds of music, and the Lord can use any of these to bless me.

Sometimes in services we receive a message from the Lord in a different way than we have been taught, but because of that teaching, we may lose the blessing God has for us. In going to different churches all the time, we encounter church personalities that are different from one another, and we must acclimate ourselves to the worship. Because of that difference, we are not to criticize any certain group for their style of worship because God uses each one to fulfill His purpose on earth.

The most important thing we can do in this Christian life is to have an open heart to our Lord, His Spirit, and His Word. By doing so, God can use us in ways we never would have dreamed. Sometimes I am just awestruck to see what the Lord does and can do in the life of those that yield to Him. My prayer is that God will overwhelm you with His love and goodness so that you might run with it to tell this *lost and dying world*. Remember that Jesus did all He did here on earth "as He was going." He is our example. Run with it, for He is returning soon!

Did You Know?

Did you know that Rev. G. B. Cashwell had a brother who left North Carolina in 1890 and went out west to Muskogee, Oklahoma? His name was William Herring Cashwell, and upon arriving in Oklahoma, he changed his name to William Herring. He started out working as a guard at the Federal Jail at Muskogee. He spent his life as a lawman in one assignment or another. It was said that he never shot a man, nor was he ever shot. His motto was to "treat all men as gentlemen and stay away from roughness." We could learn from him in this respect.

Requests for Information

We have received many requests for information. I do appreciate your interest in your church's history, but there is not enough time in the day to do all I have to do in the Archives Department. I will gladly help all I can, but if you need information from us, please call me, and I will let you know what needs to be done. If you need a lot of information, I will advise you to call and make an appointment to come and look through our files. I will direct you to the right places and show you how to go about researching the Archives. Sometimes it is a matter of sitting down and looking through the Minutes year by year or the Evangels and Advocates month by month. I don't want to discourage you, but you can form a committee and work together on it and you will be finished in no time.

Until next month,
God bless,
Betty T.

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WIN
God Seeker Conference

November 3 & 4, 2006
Falcon, NC

Pastor Chris Hallaren

Pastor Chris Hallaren came to Christ at Manna Church in Fayetteville, N.C., while serving in the military at Ft. Bragg. He graduated from Manna Christian College in 1986 with a B.A. in Biblical Theology. In 1988 he and his wife were sent out from Manna to plant a church in Japan. After serving seven years in Japan, Chris and his family relocated to Boston, MA, and pioneered campus ministries at MIT, Harvard, and Boston University. Since 2000, Chris has been serving as pastor of prayer and evangelism at Manna Church. He also serves as chairman of Pray at Cumberland County and director of R.U.S.H. Campus Ministries. He and his wife, Suzie, have eight children they are training to be champions for God.

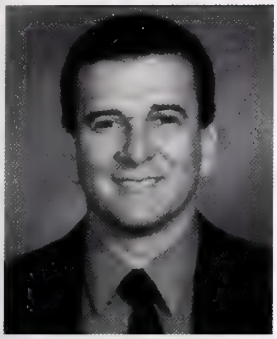
AGENDA

Friday, November 3, 2006

Prayer Time	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 4, 2006

Registration/Refreshments	8:00 – 8:45 a.m.
Praise & Worship	8:45 – 9:15 a.m.
Welcome	Dr. Lydia Figueroa Bishop Chris Thompson
General Session	9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Dr. Lydia Figueroa, WIN Director
Session I	10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Pastor Chris Hallaren
Fellowship / Snacks	11:30 – 12:00 noon
Session II	12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Pastor Chris Hallaren
Communion/ Prayer	Dr. Lydia Figueroa



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

El Cuidado de Ti Mismo

"Ten cuidado de ti mismo y de la doctrina; persiste en ello, pues haciendo esto, te salvarás a ti mismo y a los que te oyeren." —1 Timoteo 4:16

La palabra ***cuidado*** según el diccionario Larousse significa solicitud, y atención para hacer bien alguna cosa. Según el diccionario Standard College significa poner atención, prestar verdadero cuidado y no solo el haberse enterado, atención o consideración cuidadosa. La palabra griega "epeco" sugiere "devoción de pensamiento y esfuerzo a una cosa" "sostener la mente de uno hacia" "asir sobre, luego dirigir hacia". Tambien se puede usar las palabras "vigilar" y "enfoque".

Al juzgar por el significado de la palabra cuidado, quiere decir que se requiere verdadero esfuerzo, entrega y dedicación al fijar la atención en nosotros mismos y en la doctrina (Palabra que Dios) que se ha depositado en nuestras manos.

Es decir que la negligencia, no tiene parte en este requerimiento de parte del apostol Pablo. La negligencia es la falta de diligencia y cuidado en la realización de algo, es omitir lo que debía de haber hecho. Ser diligente es apresurarse a hacer algo, esforzarse, procurar, dar solicitud a algo. Es cuidado, esfuerzo y eficacia en la ejecución de algo. Celo en el desempeño de una función.

Una de las cosas que va de la mano con la diligencia es la responsabilidad de cumplir con las cosas que se nos ha dado para hacer como líderes. **Esdras 7:23** contiene la siguiente verdad acerca de nuestro liderazgo: ***Hacer las cosas como se nos ha instruido y hacerlas hasta que esten terminadas.*** Esto es lo que debe ser aplicado en la exhortación del apostol Pablo cuando nos dice "ten cuidado de ti mismo y de la doctrina."

En un mundo de tanta distracción y con tantas cosas que demandan nuestra atención a nivel personal, familiar, ministerial y social; es preciso que no perdamos nuestro enfoque y que podamos tomar el tiempo para evaluar nuestras acciones, actitudes y en la forma que estamos administrando la Palabra de Dios, con el propósito de volver y mantenernos en el lugar donde Dios nos quiere.

En el contexto de la exhortación a Timoteo, notamos que el apostol llama la atención de su discípulo hacia aspectos específicos que él tiene que cuidar de hacer, practicar y demostrar; trasladando la misma responsabilidad y privilegio a todos nosotros, quienes debemos hacer lo mismo:

- Enseñar la Palabra de Dios a la iglesia
- No perder el tiempo en discuciones innecesarias
- Emplear el tiempo y las energías en la tarea de ejercitarse espiritualmente
- No permitir que nadie nos menosprecie, por mala conducta
- Ser ejemplo por la forma en que se vive y se enseña
- Ocuparse en el crecimiento personal por medio de la lectura
- Ocuparse en la enseñanza y la predicación
- No dejar de usar y ejercitar los dones que Dios nos ha dado
- Entregarse de lleno al cumplimiento de nuestro deber
- Vigilando y procurando nuestro progreso
- Vigilar nuestras acciones y actitudes

Pablo dice "ten cuidado de ti mismo", pero cómo podría cuidarse a sí mismo?

- Cultiva y evalua tu crecimiento personal
- Identifica y haz una lista de tus necesidades y ponlas en orden de prioridad
- Presta atención a áreas que necesita cambiar y dedica tiempo para trabajar en ellas
- Lucha por ser consistente en lo que has emprendido
- Permite que otros valoren tu progreso y responde en forma objetiva a sus críticas
- Conoce tus pensamientos, intenciones y deseos y sométeios a la Palabra de Dios.
- Celebra tus cambios y agradece al Señor por ellos, El está trabajando en tu vida.

Cosas Para Recordar

Octubre 28 tendremos la actividad de oración llamada "7 Horas de Clamor" Serán dos eventos de oración e intercesión en el mismo día en diferentes localidades para los dos distritos hispanos, con el horario de 2:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m.

Próxima clase de INE (Instituto Nacional de Entrenamiento) será el viernes y 17 y sábado 18 de noviembre en Falcon. La materia a estudiar será "Eclesiología" que tiene que ver con el estudio de la iglesia. La clase será impartida por el obispo de la Conferencia de California Rev. Frayman Valdez. Procure registrarse a tiempo.

Nuestra Gran convención Hispana se celebrará el viernes 1 y sábado 2 de diciembre. Todas las iglesias y los pastores nos daremos cita en el auditorio de Falcon para celebrar toda bendición de Dios y proyectar el año 2007. También tendremos la elección de la Junta Hispana y talleres de enseñanza para los pastores y líderes.

Ore y Participe

Rogamos sus oraciones y participación activa en las nuevas iglesias que se están plantando en Wilmington, Wilson, Alberston, Edenton, Goldsboro, Raleigh, Ivanhoe. Sus ofrendas, oraciones, visitas y llamadas telefónicas a estos pastores, serán usados por Dios para fortalecerlos en el gran esfuerzo que están haciendo y bendecir el trabajo de estas nuevas obras. Si desea saber como participar, ayudar o visitar estos lugares, llámenos a la oficina.

Take Care of Yourself

"Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you." —1 Timothy 4:16

The word *heed*, according to the Larousse dictionary, means "application and attention in order to do anything well." According to the Standard College dictionary means to pay attention to; take more than casual notice of; listen to; to pay careful attention or consideration. The Greek word *Epheco* suggests "devotion of thought and effort to a thing," "to maintain the mind of one toward," "get hold of, then direct toward." Also the words "watch over" and "focus" could be used.

Upon judging the meaning of the word *heed*, it means that true effort, devotion, and dedication are required in fixing attention on ourselves and on the doctrine (Word of God) that has been deposited in our hands.

This means that negligence doesn't have any part in this requirement, according to the Apostle Paul. Negligence is the lack of diligence and care in the realization of something; it is to omit what should have done. Being diligent means to hurry and do something, make an effort, try, give application to something; it is to look after and make effort and efficacy in the execution of something; to show fervor in the performing of a function.

One thing that goes hand in hand with diligence is the responsibility to fulfill the things that have been given us in order to make us leaders. Ezra 7:23 contains the following truth about our leadership: *"Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it **diligently** be done..."* This is what we should apply in the exhortation of the apostle Paul when he tells us, "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine."

In a world of so much distraction and with so many things that demand our attention on personal, family, ministerial, and social levels, it is necessary that we not lose our focus and that we take the time in order to evaluate our actions, attitudes, and the way we are administering the Word of God, with the purpose of returning to and maintaining ourselves in the place where God wants us.

In the context of the exhortation to Timothy, we notice that the apostle attracts the attention of his pupil toward specific aspects he has to look after of doing, practicing, and demonstrating, transferring the same responsibility and privilege to all of us, who should do the same:

- Teaching the Word of God to the church
- Not wasting time in unnecessary arguments
- Using time and energy in the task of training yourself spiritually
- Not permitting anybody to minimize us because of negative conduct
- Being a good example, showing the way to live and to teach
- Being in charge of personal growth by means of reading and studying
- Being in charge of teaching and preaching of the Word of God
- Not stopping the use and exercise of the gifts God has given us
- Giving ourselves totally to the execution of our duty
- Watching over and getting our progress
- Watching over our actions and attitudes

As Paul says, "Take heed to yourself," but how could I take care of myself? Let's do the following:

- Cultivate and evaluate your personal growth
- Identify and list your needs and put them in order of priority
- Pay attention to the areas you need to change and dedicate time to work on those needs
- Work hard to be consistent in what you have undertaken
- Permit other persons to evaluate your progress and be ready to respond in a positive way to their criticism
- Know your thoughts, intentions, and desires, and subject them to the Word of God.
- Celebrate your changes and give thanks to the Lord for them; He is working in your life.

Things to Remember

October 28 we will have the activity called "Seven Hours of Prayer." It will be two events of prayer and intercession in the same day in two different towns, for the two Hispanic districts, with the schedule of 2:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The next class of INE (National Training Institute) will be on Friday the 17th and Saturday the 18th of November in Falcon. The subject to study will be "Eclesiología"; it is the study of the church. The class will be imparted by the bishop of the Latin California Conference, Rev. Frayman Valdez. Call to register on time.

Our Great Hispanic Convention will take place December 1 and 2. All the pastors with their churches will come together to the New Falcon Auditorium in order to celebrate all the blessing of God and plan the year 2007. We will also have the election of the Hispanic Board and workshops of teaching for pastors and leaders.

Pray and Be a Part of It

We are requesting your prayers and participation in the new Hispanic churches that we are planting in Wilmington, Wilson, Alberston, Edenton, Goldsboro, Raleigh, Ivanhoe. Your financial support, prayer, visits, and phone calls to these pastors, will be used for God in order to strengthen them in the great effort that they are making and bless the work of these new churches. If you want to know how to participate, help, or visit these places, call us to the office.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Defining Moments

Life is filled with "defining moments" that impact the present and change the future of our lives. Recently I had the privilege, with three other brothers, to travel to Zambia for an 11-day trip that did just that, and I want to give you a brief testimony of praise to God for what He is doing around the globe. Later in this article, I'll relay a brief account of what He is doing here on the home front.

Those of us traveling to Lusaka, Zambia, and beyond were Tim Bowen, pastor of the Lumberton First PH church; John Gipson, a minister and contractor from Culbreth Memorial in Falcon; and Lee Capps, construction job foreman and member of Stedman PH Church in Stedman. Our agenda in Zambia was to replace a roof on a church, dedicate three churches built with funds from churches and individuals from the N.C. Conference, and to visit and preach in five churches.

We left RDU on Monday, July 17 at 6:30 a.m., made a stop in Washington, D.C., and departed to Johannesburg, South Africa, at 12:50 p.m., a flight that took 16½ hours, with a brief fueling stop at Dakar, Senegal. While on the flight to Johannesburg with 300-plus travelers, we met at least four other groups who were on their way to do similar works as our group. After a six-hour layover in Johannesburg, we arrived in Lusaka, Zambia, at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday. We were met and transported to our accommodations by missionary Andy Davidson, who, by the way, is doing a tremendous job in Zambia and also did a masterful job of arranging our trip and day-to-day activities.

We met and became well acquainted with two Zambian brothers, Gaston and Limited, and their families, who have been in the mission compound for a number of years. They not only perform duties on a daily basis to keep up the grounds, but are also actively involved in traveling extensively and doing much manual labor in church buildings and upkeep.

The five churches we visited were Chikumbi, Luqwipa, Chongwe, Oasis of Grace, and Prayer Worship Center. We extensively toured a Christian-run orphanage with which the PH church has close ties and in which we have a number of People of People children. We also toured our Bible Institute (College) in Lusaka (Duncan Training Center), which has great potential.

Zambia is approximately half the size of Texas and has a population of 11 million people. Lusaka, the capital city, has a population of two million people. The average age is 35. The people are hardworking and friendly. Everywhere you go in Zambia there are people walking or riding bicycles. Zambia is definitely a third-world nation; the fields are indeed white unto harvest, and the door is wide open. We have 620 churches in Zambia with possibly as many as 900 because of groups/works we are not aware of, according to Bishop Samson Phiri. The mode of transportation for most of our pastors there is either walking or, if they're fortunate, a bicycle.

We left on Wednesday morning on two vehicles to go to Chikumbi, a village about 1½ hours away. It is wintertime and the dry season in Zambia; therefore, the temperature is cool and dry (highs – mid 70s, lows – 50s). Lusaka has many modern conveniences; however, as we entered the countryside, I was fully aware that we were in an underdeveloped nation. I have often seen the pictures of thatched huts and women balancing bundles on their heads; now I was in their world and saw it firsthand. And yet again, the Holy Spirit spoke into my spirit, "We're all the same; we need a Savior."

We started our work at Chikumbi with an abundance of local assistance, including the pastor, Bro. Robson. While there, we found out that the pastor has five children and is a faithful pastor who receives very little compensation and also works a minor job. We took pictures of two of his children and wrote their bios for People to People … Sorry, folks, but Culbreth Memorial has already adopted them! We removed the thatched roof of the

church, and in two days we completed the task of putting the new roof on. We decided at once that when we return in 2008, we plan to replace roofs of three churches.

The children were inquisitive and came to watch us. When we put our water bottles in the trash, they retrieved them to play with them; they have so very little. If the people eat one good meal a day and have meat 1-2 times a week, they are blessed. There is little or no agriculture during the winter/dry season except for their small, well-kept gardens. In many countries in the world, rice is a staple; however, in Zambia and many other African countries, it is maize (corn). There is no electricity, running water, or sewer accommodations in the countryside. We had a small generator for power tools.

On Friday we visited Bishop Phiri in his home. We surveyed a two-acre plot that has been bought; Bishop Phiri has a vision for a national RDC (Resource Development Center). We left for Chikumbi at 4:30 p.m. for the dedication. Because of the lack of electricity, we used our generator to run lighting. The sky was so bright and beautiful. The people came early into the 26 x 50 sanctuary with the beautiful new roof. A total of a little over $5,000 has been spent on the building. When the service started, there were 114 present. The people rejoiced, John Gipson preached, Bishop Phiri dedicated the building, and the presence of God was powerful. About 20 people came forward for special needs and salvation. We had purchased the pastor a new bicycle and presented it to him along with a Study Bible. He and his wife were overjoyed. While there, we met a young man (choir director) who made a great impression on us. His name was Jimmy Ngonga; he is 18 and the head of his house. His father died a few years ago, and he is assisting his mother with seven children. He relayed to us that he wanted to attend Bible School because he had the call of God on his life; need I tell you that we have invoked the "Operation Timothy" ministry, and Jimmy will go to school!

We left early Saturday to travel east three hours towards Mozambique to the beautiful village of Luqwipa. At noon on that day, we dedicated the village PH church with over 130 people present. In the congregation was a PH pastor from Mozambique who had bicycled *five hours* just to be with us. This pastor has planted five churches! I wondered, *Lord, do I have the same kind of dedication?* Since this was John Gipson's first overseas experience, he was appointed to preach a second time. About 25 people came forward for special needs and salvation. After touring the village (mountainous and beautiful) we received our gift for visiting and preaching – a yearling goat! We couldn't refuse such a gift of great appreciation, so we attached him to the luggage rack of the Land Cruiser and made our three-hour return trip to Lusaka. What a trip!

On Sunday, Tim Bowen preached at Oasis of Grace PH church. The rest of us attended Bishop Phiri's church for the 8:00 a.m. service (about 600 present), and for the third time, John Gipson preached. We left immediately at the conclusion of the service and traveled an hour to our third dedication service, this time at Chongwe. The building was beautiful, and the service was powerful. Over 200 people filled the church, and I had an opportunity to preach. At the altar call, about 30 people responded to the call of salvation or prayer for special needs. This church has a special outreach to about 60 orphans, the result of disease and AIDS. The church cares for these children faithfully. We received our second goat, along with a chicken, as a gift of appreciation! Time nor space will not allow me to tell you about Livingston Falls, the Zambezi River, the Bible Institute, or the orphanage (especially the story of Gift, an extraordinary young orphan who was locked in a building and set on fire by his uncle).

I will tell you that this trip was a "defining moment" in our lives, and it has again enhanced my perspective concerning global evangelization.

God is blessing, not only in Africa and around the world, but also here in the United States. In the last few days, I have listed to date the new church start-ups for 2006. In 2005 God blessed us with 14; to date, God has blessed us with 18. The latest was Sunday night, September 3 as Bishop Thompson, Charles Boyd, Vernon Potter, Jr., and I met with Breakthrough Revival Center in Greenville, N.C., to receive them into our conference. With 117 members and growing, this powerful, predominantly African-American congregation – along with its pastor, Rev. Stacy Hilliard – is now a part of the IPHC. What a blessing! The door is open to revival, harvest, and church planting; we must step through!

One final note of praise: through July 2006, as compared to July 2005, our total Missions giving is up by over $88,000, or an increase of 14 percent. Thank you, pastors and churches, for your vision, burden, and response to global evangelization!

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Mission Quest 2006

"To Love Is to Serve"
by Elaine Jacobs

On August 29, 2005, we all watched in disbelief and horror as Hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulf Coast. Watching footage of people hanging on to their loved ones and climbing onto their roof tops for their lives was almost too much to bear. However, it was a reality and was happening right here in our United States. Many people near and far began to pray for the people of the Gulf Coast. Pastor Charles Boyd was one of those people. As he began to pray and seek God's face for guidance as to what he could do for his brothers and sisters, God gave him a vision for Missions Quest 2006. Pastor Charles knew that after the smoke had cleared and the newness and horror of the disaster had worn off, many people would forget about the citizens of the Gulf Coast. God spoke to his heart that this would be the time to help.

This vision came to reality on July 29, 2006, 11 months after the hurricane. There would be a total of 41 people, with 12 churches represented, going to serve on this missions trip. Twenty-five of these were youth. Due to his son's surgery earlier in the week, Pastor Charles would meet us in Mississippi on Wednesday. Pastor Reggie Ethridge, our conference youth pastor, did a fine job heading up this team. Pastor Charles gave a very serious charge to the group before leaving on that Saturday morning. He read from 1 John 3:16-18, reminding us *to love in truth and in deed, not in word*. Pastor Charles also challenged the group of young men and women to become the "hands and feet of God."

This trip would have not been possible had it not been for Brother Gordon Knox. Brother Gordon is a member of Higher Ground Church in Ahoskie, N.C., and serves as the on-the-ground Disaster Relief coordinator for the N.C. IPHC. This was Brother Gordon's 11th trip to the Gulf Coast, and he has made a tremendous difference each time. He, along with the senior pastor of New Horizon Ministries, coordinated the jobs our group went to each day. We were up each morning just after 5:00, had breakfast at 6:00, and were on our jobs by 7:00. We worked in Louisiana as well as Mississippi. These jobs consisted of all aspects of sheetrock work, tear-outs and gutting houses, carpentry work, ceramic tile flooring, installing kitchen cabinets, and painting as well as putting up vinyl siding, just to name a few. The youth worked just as hard as their adult leaders and, more importantly, did it in unity and in love. Ernie and Diane Denmark, homeowners from Mississippi, stated many times, with tears in their eyes, how impressed they were with the quality of work and the difference the youth had made in the renovations of their home. The team from Smyrna was blessed to have the opportunity to witness to a 49-year-old man from Slidell, Louisiana, who battled with drugs and alcohol. Brother Robert, from Smyrna, states that God had placed this man under conviction each time the team was in his home. This team says they are sure seeds were planted in the heart of this man.

There is no doubt that God had found favor in the efforts of this Missions team. The first confirmation was the awesome accommodations in which we were able to stay. The New Horizon Ministries church was amazing. It had plenty of room and was equipped with showers as well as a washer and dryer. We were able to have a devotional each night using the sanctuary as well as their music equipment for praise and worship. Evidence that God had smiled upon us was also the men of Kinston First PHC. They woke us up each morning with the smell of bacon, sausage, biscuits, grits, and eggs. They were absolutely amazing; we all looked forward each day to what surprise we would find for dinner that evening. They also took time to place encouraging scriptures on each table to keep us motivated while we did what we knew God had called us to do.

On Thursday night, Brother Charles explained to the group what would take place on Friday morning. We were going to New Orleans and would see some disturbing sights. He encouraged us to pray and ask God to prepare our hearts so that we could be a witness to the lost souls we would be sure to come in contact with. We had prayer walks as we cleaned up trash in a neighborhood in New Orleans. We then went down into the Ninth Ward to see the devastation. From here we were able to see the levees which were being rebuilt. However, there was no hope for renovating the homes in this area. This was a sight that will forever be in our minds as we pray for the people who once called the Ninth Ward home.

Friday night, August 4 was our final confirmation that God had ordained our steps through out this trip. The New Horizon Church held a youth rally that night. According to the pastor, this date had been changed once before. We know that it was all in God's plan that our youth group could be blessed spiritually that night – and we *were* blessed! It was a powerful service. A member of the church stated that our North Carolina teens epitomized the term "servant evangelism." This mission trip was life changing, and we all thank God for the opportunity to have been a part of it. The youth on this trip accepted the challenge of Pastor Charles and became the hands and feet of God. They also learned that to love is most definitely to serve.

***Elaine was a member of this dynamic mission team. She is also the wife of Steven Jacobs, the pastor of Shiloh PHC in Godwin, N.C. Pictures of the trip can be viewed on the Mission Quest page at www.nccem.net.*

CEM Teacher of the Year

Karl Bunkley Award of Excellence

We would like to extend our sincerest congratulations to this year's winner, Brother Mitchell Faircloth of Living Faith Fellowship in Rocky Mount! Brother Faircloth has ministered as a layperson in the Pentecostal Holiness Church for over 30 years, first in Stedman and for the past 3 years in Rocky Mount. He has been an inspiration to those to whom he has ministered and those who work beside him in ministry. Vanessa Pierce, director of Church Education Ministries at Living Faith Fellowship, shares the following testimony:

> Brother Faircloth has been an example to us all. Earlier this year, he was diagnosed with cancer. This was a tremendous shock for him and his family. There was a point of decision—continue to believe God's Word and press on or become discouraged and walk away. He stood strong. Brother Faircloth never allowed the circumstances to overtake him. Even in his time of trial, his compassion for others was great. I remember one Sunday evening as we were praying around the altar... His prayer was not one of pity or desperation. Brother Faircloth did not even pray for himself. He was lifting up others before the throne. Brother Faircloth was thanking God for all the good things He had done. He was affirming the power and sovereignty of God and exalting His name.... Teaching styles are a preference. Methods can be debated. But true faith and dedication are proven.

Once again, we would like to congratulate Mitchell Faircloth and thank him for his faithfulness to God's Kingdom and the example that he has set for others around him! We, as the Body of Christ, are better and more effective because of Brother Faircloth and other committed workers like him.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Prayer vs. Thanksgiving Equal Time

I love this time of year. It is a time of family and focus on priorities. The holiday of Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, and then Christmas. The two so close together bring family together more often and cause one to focus on the need of thanksgiving for what one already has.

The spirit and acts of thanksgiving should be equal to and balanced with prayer and supplication. This can be proven from the Scripture. *"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God"* (Philippians 4:6).

The word for *thanksgiving* in this verse is a compound Greek word. This compound word describes "an outpouring of grace and of wonderful feelings that freely flow from the heart in response to someone or something." The "someone" is the Father. The "something" is His gracious acts to His children.

The word *then* must be placed in context with the words *prayer – supplication – request*. Here is a freely expanded translation of the verse – "Don't worry about anything – and that means nothing at all! Instead, come before God and give Him the things that concern you so He can, in exchange, give you what you need or desire. Be bold to strongly, passionately, and fervently make your request known to God, *making certain that an equal measure of thanksgiving goes along with your strong asking*. You have every right to ask boldly, so go ahead and insist that God meet your need. When you pray, be so bold that there is no doubt your prayer was heard. Broadcast it! Declare it! Pray boldly until you have the assurance that God has heard your request!"

What an intriguing thought this is! Pray and thank! Thank and pray! This can be done for any event and for any person. Just try it! You will be amazed.

Look at the Conference for a moment. One ultimate goal is to have a membership that reflects the community. Fervent prayers have been offered. Stop and think. There are 160 Anglo churches. Praise the Lord! There are 58 Hispanic churches. Thank the Lord! There is one African-American church and several more imminently on the way. There are two Native-American churches and several more considering joining. The journey has begun toward the goal and there is much to thank the Lord for in the process and miracles already.

Consider our retired ministers. They have so many needs – better housing, monthly income, medical needs, family needs, etc. Yet what a blessing they are! Thank the Lord! There are over 130 of them. They have much wisdom to offer. They are supportive to the work of God. They are willing to offer advice. They are so encouraging. They are gems of the Lord.

The Conference is in the midst of cutbacks – moving toward a biblical tithe from the churches. We are five years into the journey. To keep current programs going and to even think of adding on additional programs have presented astronomical challenges. Prayers have been fervent! Yet the Lord has blessed, and people have risen to the challenge. In only one year of the last five has regular income been less than in the other years. In that year special giving made the difference. Again, the balance is so obvious – pray and thank.

There are several fringe benefits that go with this process. One is an increase of faith. Realizing God's past blessings increases faith. One is a positive attitude of hope and expectation. What will He do next? One is deeper understanding, love and appreciation of our God. He is touched by the feelings of our infirmities. One is a deeper appreciation of the journey. Life is real and exciting.

So when you pray, also offer thanks!

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MESSAGE OF 9/11

Retired minister Rev. Paul Weaver spoke at the special 9/11 Memorial service in Mount Olive. Brother Weaver is the chaplain of the Woodmen of the World Lodge 508 in Mount Olive.

Brother Weaver said, "Americans must never forget and must keep on fighting to stamp out evil to keep the memory of those who died at the hands of terrorists during the 9/11 tragedy. He reminded us, "If we forget, future generations will never know."

He felt it important to honor the many who helped in any way that day to save lives and to remember the nearly 3,000 who lost their lives. He called it "unselfish sacrifice."

He spoke in behalf of the Woodmen of the World, Lodge 508. On their behalf he wanted to express their heartfelt appreciation and deepest sympathy to all firemen, rescue workers, sheriffs' offices, and police departments on the national, state, and local levels, and for the untold civic organizations that rendered services to a hurting people during that dreadful day. He said, "We all must keep working. Let us hope and pray that those who died did not die in vain."

The service concluded with the lowering of the flag to half-mast and a salute by the Wayne County Sheriff's Honor Guard.

Retired Ministers' Birthdays November and December 2006

Rev. Emmett Turner	November 12
Rev. Mrs. Sue Parker	November 13
Rev. Kenneth Autry	November 26
Rev. Tommy Spikes	December 5
Rev. Paul Weaver	December 15
Rev. Wiley Clark	December 15
Rev. Raymond Potter	December 18
Rev. Mrs. Patsy Payne	December 18
Rev. Richard Parson	December 24

RETIRED MINISTERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

for all

Retired Ministers and Spouses

and

Widows of Deceased Retired Ministers

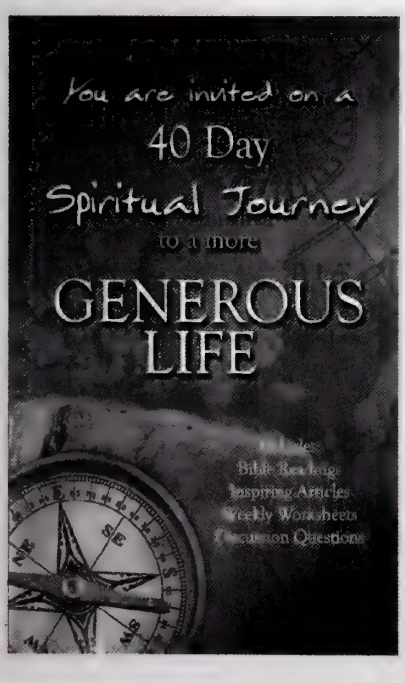
Our special guest is

Miss Victoria Huggins

Thursday,
November 30, 2006
11 o'clock a.m.
Conference Cafeteria/
Training Center
Falcon, North Carolina

"The Generous Life"

Theme for 2007 Stewardship Emphasis



A six week spiritual journey each family can take comparing what the Bible says about a "Generous Life" with their own life style."

Weekly Emphasis:

Week 1:	Giving in view of your INCOME
Week 2:	Giving in view of your LIFESTYLE
Week 3:	Giving in view of your ASSETS
Week 4:	Giving in view of your past GIVING
Week 5:	Giving in view of your RESPONSE
Week 6:	Giving in view of your THANKS

Suggested Date: January 1st through February 11th

Each pastor will receive a promotional packet of material which contains a 40 day devotional that will be the foundation for the exciting Stewardship journey. The church can order additional copies of the devotional for each family interested in the 40 day journey.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Revealing the Thread of the Salt Covenant by A. E. Crabtree.

Salem, Virginia: ECM publications. 115 pages.

Salt, used for seasoning foods as well as to purify and prepare certain substances, was an important commodity in the ancient world. Some eastern North Carolinians appreciate the wonderful properties of salt in the phrase "salting down the hams and shoulders." Salt serves as a preservative. The Covenant of Salt referred to in Numbers 18:19 represents an everlasting covenant indicating faithfulness, dependability, and durability. These are the virtues of good, healthy relationships. In agreement, Merrill F. Unger suggested, "Salt, with its power to strengthen food and keep it from decay, symbolized the unbending truthfulness of that self-surrender to the Lord embodied in the sacrifice, by which all impurity and hypocrisy were repelled." [2 Chronicles 13:5]

Crabtree writes, "It seems that in the time in which we live, we have lost sight of the importance of commitment, loyalty and honor. It's time for the body of Christ to become serious about Commitment, Loyalty and Honor." Interestingly enough, "Faithless to salt" is the Persian term for a traitor. In the book, the author traces the history of the use of salt in the Bible and in the Eastern world, including the salt covenant, salty sand protecting Egyptian corpses, purifying the waters of Jericho (2 Kings 2:19-22), antiseptic in medicines, bathing of infants in salt, Mary washing the feet of Jesus in her tears, and the salt in the sweat of Jesus as He prayed to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane.

He states that salt basically represents four things: preservation, purity, healing, and hospitality. Salt is not only needed in our speech but also in our daily behavior and commitment to others. The author adds, "A deep revelation on the Salt Covenant will change the way you talk and relate to other people." If this is true, then believers need salt between them and the Lord.

How much should we make of all of this? Well, all Scripture is profitable, including the passages on salt. The Covenant of Salt must be important, and principles of loyalty, commitment, honor, and purity can be found in the meaning and symbolism of salt. Perhaps different, however, from a deep revelation on salt is the need for a deep illumination on salt, so we can see the value and purpose and meaning of the Covenant of Salt upon the lives of Christians today. More research and prayer would be called for before I would proceed in teaching a great deal on this Old Testament covenant. The ordinance of the Red Heifer had value when it was instituted, but that doesn't mean we should start raising red cows.

On the other hand, Pentecostal ministers can identify with the lack of commitment, loyalty, and honor. Lukewarmness abounds in a number of circles today and seems to be a growing problem. If salt or the Covenant of Salt will encourage someone to be more committed to Christ, then so be it. What I know is this: it is impossible to be Spirit-filled and lukewarm at the same time. A little salt and the power of the Holy Spirit never hurt anyone. Lord, help us all to be more faithful in these last days before your imminent return.

I enjoyed reading the book and found much to spawn some biblical thinking and justification for New Testament application of the Covenant of Salt.

Walking From East to West: God in the Shadows by Ravi Zacharias.

Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing. 240 pages.

The power of God manifests itself in many ways, but few are as dynamic and magnificent as the salvation of a soul once bound to sin and under the condemnation of God. There's something about the blood of Christ redeeming a soul; words of poets and philosophers cannot adequately express how gracious an act it really is, especially considering the cost and the Christ of redemption.

An amazing man from India with an amazing story, the life of renowned Christian thinker Ravi Zacharias demonstrates how God miraculously delivers from a land of 300 million deities to just one, the true and only God of the universe. A once-doubting Thomas, living in an Eastern culture, who as a teenager attempted suicide in New Delhi became a great spokesman and apologist for the wonderful truths of theism and the divinely inspired Word of God.

The autobiography is divided into three parts: East, East to West, and finally West to East. As a descendant of the Nambudiris, the highest caste of the Hindu priesthood, Zacharias was born into a family with great brainpower. His great-grandfather Tobias Zacharias was a very prominent lawyer, and his father studied at the prestigious Nottingham University in England. Providentially, his family immigrated to Canada because his father worked as a government leader promoting Indian sports. During this time, Ravi struggled with his own identity and with the claims of Christ.

His story and testimony are heartwarming as he tells how the God of wonders worked behind the shadows protecting, guiding, closing and opening doors to lead him to the Christian faith. "He has walked with great leaders, slept in the villages and homes of the poor, and crossed continents to bring the good news of the gospel to the world." The longest journey, of course, was from his head to his heart. The truth of God's Word would set him free from Satan's lies.

Upon graduating from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, he traveled much back to the East to such places as Vietnam, Thailand, and Cambodia. From there, he traveled around the world speaking for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ravi Zacharias International Ministries began in 1984 in Toronto, Canada, and later moved to Atlanta, Georgia, with offices in Canada, India, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, and England. Toward the close of the book, Ravi stated, "At the very moment I had thought I was farthest away from God, the Lord had his appointment with me. It was an appointment of life, and not of death." Do we serve a great God, or what? Praise His holy name! Happy Reading!

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Dear Women of God,

The Thanksgiving season presents a wonderful opportunity to focus on cultivating a grateful heart. Consider having a family Bible study related to the word *thanksgiving*. Read the story of the lepers Jesus healed in Luke 17:11-19. Review the true story of the Thanksgiving celebration shared by the Pilgrims and the Indians. Look for opportunities to participate in ministry as a family, perhaps by sharing your meal or serving in a community soup kitchen. Keep your own meal simple and include a family time for recognizing God's goodness.

A dear friend of mine is a member of another denomination and is very active in her local church. On Thanksgiving Day, they prepare a meal at the church and distribute it to the less fortunate in our community. The volunteers then return to the church and have lunch together. What a blessing!

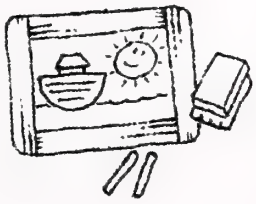
As we give thanks for our families and friends, I give thanks for each of you.

You are a blessing to the NCWM Board and me. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to Women's Ministries. *Have a blessed Thanksgiving!*

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI....

- After drying sheets, put both sheets and one pillowcase in the other pillowcase. Fold neatly in a square. Next time you change sheets, no need to look for matches. Everything is together!
- Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!



- Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little broken glass pieces of glass; the fibers catch pieces you can't see!

Meal for Senior Citizens

The Reelsboro Women's Ministries hosted a luncheon for the community senior citizens Saturday, September 9. Thirty-four guests were served turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, string beans, sweet potato casserole, biscuits, and banana pudding. The Missionettes helped prepare and serve the food.

Lunch was followed with several hymns sung by the Old-Timers Trio (Ruby Goodwin, Alice and Pascal Woodard) with Linda Gaskins at the keyboard. Sarah Hardison led the guests in a sing-along of several hymns of the church. Each guest was given a "love loaf" of banana bread baked by Betty Buck. Food and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

Making History

Normally, Falcon is a quiet and peaceful little town. But on Friday, September 22, 2006, the cavalry showed up! Approximately 350 boys and men came to Falcon. They are known as the Royal Rangers. They were attending the 2006 Pow Wow.

Until this year, they had to meet anywhere they could rent enough land to hold this event. But not too long ago, God opened up the doors for 95 acres of land on the edge of the Falcon city limits, across from the children's home.

For the past 12 months, men and boys have volunteered their time and money to clear land, develop campsites, and build the proper buildings so that the Pow Wow could be held there. Their hard work and commitment paid off as they held a dedication ceremony Friday night for "Camp Freedom," as the new campsite for our boys has been christened.

This was truly a moment of history being made. Let me assure you that the new campground is not completely finished. There is still a lot of work to be done. It is going to take money, equipment, and time to complete this project fully. Then Camp Freedom can be enjoyed by the entire conference.

Let us do our part as the N.C. Conference and help complete this project. If you would like to help, contact Charles Boyd at the headquarters office in Falcon, 910-980-1162.

Let me also take this opportunity to share with you another historical moment that will soon take place in Falcon. January 11-13, the National Council and the Men's Ministries summit will be held at Falcon. This is the first time these two ministries have met together to plan our future. You see, we are bridging together that we may serve Jesus Christ better. It is about building His Kingdom through Men's Ministries and Royal Rangers. God surely is good.

Don't delay: Register now by calling 910-980-1162 and asking for Sarah Salter. It is open to everyone.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 14 and 15, 2007

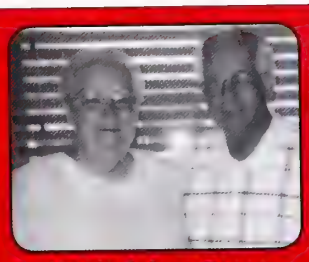
Men's Advance

Guest Speaker: Rod Handley

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director



Marvin & Jean Rogers
Celebrating 50 Golden Years Together

Where Are They Now?

Marvin and Jean Rogers

Marvin gave his heart to the Lord in 1952 at the Bizzell Grove PH Church. He was 16 years old. In time, the church appointed him Lifeliners director. His pastor resigned to go to the mission field, and Rev. Lalleon Narron was appointed as interim pastor through the summer months. Rev. Narron's sister, Lida Jean, accompanied him to the church on several occasions. It was here that Marvin and Jean met, and, according to Marvin, it was "love at first sight." Within a year, they were married. Marvin accepted his call to preach and joined the conference in 1970. He prepared himself for ministry by attending Carter Bible College in Goldsboro and the TEE program at Emmanuel College. Jean and Marvin have two children. They pastored 8 churches over a 30-year period and won many souls to the Lord. In 2000 they retired but continue to preach and minister at every opportunity. They live in their home in Selma and enjoy reasonably good health. On June 7, 2006, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

T. L. and Margaret Byrd

T. L. is an extremely gifted person. He is blessed with a brilliant mind and a heart full of love for God. In his earlier years, he was an evangelist in the WNC Conference, but the demand for his effective ministry took him all over the church. During his evangelism years, he met Margaret (Smith) from Greenville, N.C., and they were married in 1958. He organized and pastored the Full Gospel Evangelistic Tabernacle in Greenville before moving to California to pastor the Bakersfield New Life Center for 10 years. He joined the N.C. Conference in 1990 and was assigned the Meadowbrook Church in Greenville and then the West Road Church in Kinston, where he pastored until failing health caused him to retire in 2004. Confined to his home in Greenville, T. L. suffers from a muscular dysfunction called polymyositis. He was an astute businessman, the author of several books, a soul winner, and a caring pastor. Margaret is a great vocalist and his main caretaker. They are not complaining people but are joyful in the Lord and grateful for His blessings.

Louise Smith

Born in Chocowinity, N.C., into a family of 6 sisters and 3 brothers, Louise was wonderfully born again at the age of 16. She joined the Hodges Chapel PH Church, and for 68 years her life's ministry has been divided between that church and the mission fields of South India and South Africa, on which she spent over 30 years. She retired from active missionary duty in 1992 and returned to Chocowinity and the Hodges Chapel Church, where she continues to serve in various ministries. She loves to read, visit shut-ins, teach, and entertain friends. She also keeps in touch with her many friends across the church and on the mission field. Her church admiringly and respectfully refers to her as "the Queen," an honor well deserved. Louise is in good health and lives in her home, which is located a short distance from the Hodges Chapel Church.

Attention All Pastors and Laymen

December is "Adopt a Retired Minister for Christmas" Month!

We have over 100 retired ministers and missionaries, plus their spouses and the spouses of deceased retired ministers in the North Carolina Conference: a grand total of over 230.

Every pastor/church in the conference has received a promotional packet from the Retired Ministers Department that included many suggestions on how your church can "adopt" or "honor" one or more of our retired ministers during the Christmas season. Most of our retired ministers have served the local church as pastor, and they served during a time when salaries and benefits were not nearly what they are today. They served their generation well and held high the banner of holiness. It is time, even past time, that we express our love and appreciation to them.

The "Adopt a Retired Minister for Christmas" program furnishes the local church an opportunity to say "thank you" to these wonderful people who were faithful to the Word of God and to the ministry of the local church.

Remember, this is something the local church and pastor do for the retired minister, not something they do for themselves. It is an act of sincere appreciation to a fellow minister by a fellow minister and the church he pastors.

Don't wait! Include "Adopt a Retired Minister" in your church's Christmas plans this year.

Thank you! We express appreciation for your comments on the "Where Are They Now?" column. Some have said, "It's a neat thing to do," and others have commented, "It's like having a short visit with old friends." Comments like this let me know you're reading *your* page. —WTC

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Passing the Torch

"For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name." —Psalm 61:5

As a new bride coming to the North Carolina Conference from Virginia, I knew hardly any of the ministers' wives who would become my family in service to our Lord in the years to come. One lady who stood out to me in my new life was Mrs. Louine Lee, wife of the Rev. J. Doner Lee, superintendent of the conference at the beginning of our ministry together in this conference.

Mrs. Lee, from the beginning, was always loving and helpful in any way. Mrs. Lee was always there to compliment and encourage me in everything I did. Just to sit and talk with her meant I would go away feeling much better about myself and what I was doing than when I came.

God has given me such a godly heritage through people such as Mrs. Louine Lee that I cannot help but uphold the standards of the Word as she has done. My prayer is that I can be the kind of person who can be taught but also holds on to those things that are still precious stones in our lives. So many times we tend to throw out the old traditions and hymns because we see what everybody else is doing and feel that's what we need to do, but all that is needed is a balance.

Let us all strive to have a balance in our ministries, that we may reach not just part of the congregation, but every part. As my husband has said many times, "It's not about you!" We serve a God who reaches out to all of us, no matter our quirks or habits. He loves us and cares about everything that touches our lives.

Let us pass the torch of the Word and the Spirit of God to this dying world. We are in the end times, whether people want to admit it or not, and God has given every one of us the command or calling to go out and reach those who are lost and undone. Our hearts would be broken continually by just talking with someone in a doctor's office or standing in line at the grocery store, if we would allow it.

Remember that Jesus healed the sick and performed all kinds of miracles as He went. Chances are, if you ask God to put you in contact today with somebody who needs your help, He'll do it. The question is … How will you respond?

May you pass the torch to those who come behind you, with the flame ever burning strong and bright! I hope you will take a moment to consider all that this commitment will include. May God bless and strengthen you.

MPM Meetings

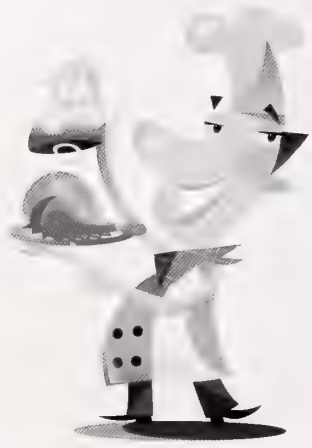
In November, we have three more MPM Meetings until next year. I hope you will make a point to come and enjoy the fellowship and sharing we have in these meetings. The ministers stay in the meeting with Chris, and the ministers' wives go into another room with me. We have special times we can share our innermost burdens and then pray together about them. We always have a devotion/program and have plenty of time for the ladies to get to know each other. Men, I hope you will try to work it out for your wife to come with you. I believe each one of the ladies comes away from the meeting a little lighter in spirit than when she entered the meeting.

Thanksgiving/Thanks-living

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it, and then Christmas! Time goes by so fast! Let's make it thanksgiving all through the year by "thanks-living." God has given us so much to be thankful for, and I believe this is a small way of thanking God for His blessings. In observing people and their reactions to situations, we can know what kind of persons they are! It seems the truly happy people of God are those who do not fail to be thankful for what they have or what they receive. Let's strive to be more thankful!

God bless until next time!

—Betty T.



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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Are Records Important?

Ezra 6:1-2 reads, "Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written."

All through the Bible, God had people keep records, and we find another proof of that in this scripture. These records were stored where the treasures were laid up, and this proves to me that God considers records to be very important.

Most of us keep our important records in a safe at home or a safety deposit box in the bank. These records are usually very valuable and irreplaceable. We should consider our church records to be just as valuable, if not more so. I am sure that if you have ever lost a check register, you know how lost you are without that information.

The same holds true for records about the Church. If you have no idea of the struggles that your church has gone through, a lot of times you do not respect the beliefs or doctrines of that church as you would if you had known. When I came into the Pentecostal Holiness Church, I remember hearing that people had been called "Holy Rollers." I had heard of ministers holding tent meetings and having their tents burned, or they were stoned or shot at for the sake of the Gospel. How many of us these days would hold up to this type of persecution?

Search for those records, put them in a safe place, and let it be known that they are important and are not to be destroyed. I have heard of a dedicated church secretary who saved all the bulletins for years because of information about people and happenings, and when she was gone on vacation, someone cleaned out the files and threw them all away. I also heard of a pastor who had some of his memorabilia at the church, and when he went to get it, someone had taken it or thrown it away. We sometimes get too comfortable with things at the church and think we can do just about what we want in the name of cleaning up.

Church records help us know where we have come from and will guide us into the future. We need to know the lives of those who have come before us, if for no other reason than for their sacrifices to help us appreciate what we have.

In summary, let's do everything possible to protect our church history, that we might have a heritage of which we may be proud.

Pictures Needed

I am searching for pictures of several ministers who pastored Bethany PH Church near Williamston during the early years of its existence. The list includes Rev. P. F. Robinson, Rev. C. W. Bass, Rev. W. G. Briley, Rev. J. E. Elks, Rev. C. J. Seuiss, and Rev. M. H. Alexander. These pictures are needed to complete the History of Bethany Church.

Anyone who can assist with obtaining these pictures, please contact Marvin Howell at 252-792-2757 or mehowell@mail.clis.com or 107 West Roosevelt Drive, Williamston, NC 27892.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Marvin Howell, Church Historian

Donations

We would like to thank the Mrs. Louine Lee family for graciously asking that in lieu of flowers for Mrs. Lee's funeral, donations be given to the N.C. Conference Archives. We have been overwhelmed with the results so far. The Lee family gave a considerable contribution, and with the other donations, we have received, thus far, $1600 in memory of Mrs. Lee. We are so appreciative of the generosity of those who have given. At this time, we are considering several projects, but we will probably give it a lot of thought and consideration.

A lot of people have donated items, and they are too numerous to list here for fear of leaving someone out. Please look on our website to check this out. If by chance, I do leave someone or a group off the list, please let me know. Thanks!

Falcon Historical Afghans

Several years ago, the Culbreth Church sold afghans featuring some of the historical buildings that were here in Falcon. The N.C. Conference Archives have been given permission to sell these afghans. They are 100% cotton, two-layer, Jacquard-woven in the U.S.A., preshrunk, colorfast, and machine washable. They measure approximately 46 x 68 inches and are fringed on all four sides. We have two colors at the present: black and cream, burgundy and cream. These throws/afghans will be available for sale at the Harvest Train Celebration on November 21 and during The Azusa Street East Celebration Dec. 31, 2006–Jan. 3, 2007. At other times, they will be available at the N.C. Conference office, or contact Betty Thompson, P.O. Box 9, Falcon, NC 28342, 910-980-1171.

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Prayer Evangelism

Jesus Evangelized

Before you talk to men about God, talk to God about men.

Luke 10:1, 3, 5, 8, 9 –

"After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come."

"Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves."

"And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house." [**Speak peace**]

"And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you." [**Fellowship**]

"And heal the sick that are therein [**Take care of the need**] and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." [**Proclaim the Good News**]

This is prayer evangelism (This was how Jesus did evangelism.)

1. **Speak peace to them.**
2. **Fellowship with them.**
3. **Take care of their needs.**
4. **Proclaim the good news.**

Jesus' method of evangelism calls for us to first **speak peace** over the lost. If we are not careful, we will have a tendency to strongly dislike sinners. Why? Because of the way they act and the things they do. But Jesus loves sinners. Jesus was known as a friend to the sinners. Instead of speaking peace to sinners, we tend to focus on what is wrong with our neighbors.

But God rains on the just and the unjust. He causes the sun to shine on the righteous and the unrighteous.

To deal effectively with demons, we cannot approach the lost in anger. The Bible clearly teaches that unresolved anger gives room to the devil inside our circle of influence. To reverse this situation, we must renounce our anger and begin to speak peace over the lost.

Speak peace — Bless them — Pray for them. Love the land — Love the people.

I. **Speak peace**.

Speak peace to neutralize the demons that have been assigned to blind our neighbors, to the light of the gospel. Jesus told Paul on the Damascus Road, "I am sending you."

Acts 26:18: "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

Pray over the whole community: the churches, the businesses, the government, the schools, our state, and our nation.

Speak peace over the problems in your community. Speak peace over the problems in your schools.

II. **Fellowship**.

Dare to fellowship. Do this to find out the needs of the people. Once you have broken the ice with someone by fellowship, do not rush to share the gospel.

Dare to go out as lambs among wolves. The fields are white for harvest; the harvest is great.

Fellowship is the second step, not proclamation. Fellowship gives us an opportunity to let the lost know we accept them just the way they are, instead of the way we want them to be.

Remember, Jesus was known as a friend to the sinners. Jesus always treated the sinner with respect. Two examples are Zacchaeus and the adulterous woman.

Blessing sinners opens the door to fellowship, and fellowship eventually leads to the third step.

III. **Care**.

Help in some way to meet their needs. Pray for the people. Pray with the people. Get a list of their needs: physical, financial, and spiritual.

You may ask, "What if I pray and nothing happens?" You're not promising them an answer to prayer. You're only promising to pray. God is the one who answers the prayers; He is the one that is responsible. Remember, you are only a vessel. Pray over their needs and ask God to perform miracles. Believe that God will meet their needs. Healing the lost is God's vision.

"And heal the sick that are therein" (Luke 10:9). **Take care of the need**.

1. Blessing opens the door to fellowship.
2. Fellowship establishes a level of trust.
3. Prayer addresses their needs.
4. When we pray for our neighbors, the kingdom of God comes to them in a tangible way.

IV. **Share**.

Proclaim the Good News. "Say unto them, The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you" (Luke 10:9). Here's an important thing we need to see: We are not bringing them into the kingdom; *we are to take the kingdom to them.*

Trying to get sinners into the kingdom is one of the major problems as to why we are not more effective in winning the lost. We're trying to get sinners to church to get them into the kingdom when we should be taking the kingdom to them.

Jesus said, "And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you" (Luke 10:9). Take care of the need; proclaim the Good News. Once they see that God is meeting their needs, they will want to hear more about our God. That's when we can share and proclaim the Good News.

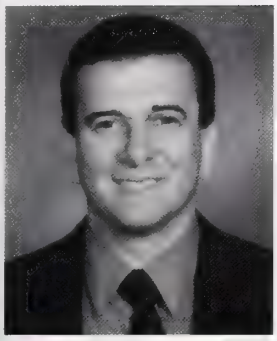
1. Prayer: bless the people and the community.
2. Dare: Fellowship—get to know them so they will trust you.
3. Care: Minister—care by praying over their need.
4. Proclaim the gospel: share the Good News.

—Pastor Jerry Nelson

Prayer evangelism works; it is God's way of doing church.

Several pastors of the N.C. Conference and their spouses participated in the seminar called Transformation North Carolina, led by Ed Silvoso Ministry. I asked Pastor Jerry Nelson to write this article in order for us to share this information and blessings with our people. If you would like to know more information on this, please contact us at the above address.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving as you take time for family and friends.



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

El Cuidado de la Doctrina

"Ten cuidado de ti mismo y de la doctrina; persiste en ello, pues haciendo esto, te salvarás a ti mismo y a los que te oyeren." (1 Timoteo 4:16). La versión de la Biblia Dios Habla hoy dice así: "Ten cuidado de ti mismo y de lo que enseñas a otros, y sigue firme en todo. Si lo haces así, te salvarás a ti mismo y salvarás también a los que te escuchan."

Mencioné en la revista *Evangel* del mes pasado que el significado de la palabra ***cuidado***, en griego es "epeco" lo cual sugiere "devoción de pensamiento y esfuerzo a una cosa" "sostener la mente de uno hacia" "asir sobre, luego dirigir hacia". También se puede usar las palabras "vigilar" y "enfoque".

La exhortación de Pablo es vigilar nuestra conducta (acciones y pensamientos) y también la doctrina (lo que estamos enseñando). En esta ocasión deseo enfocar nuestra atención hacia la **doctrina**. Si el apostol le dice a Timoteo que tenga cuidado de la doctrina, esto significa que la misma corre peligro. Observe algunas de los aspectos en que la doctrina corre peligro y que por ello debe vigilarse:

El ignorar la doctrina, no sabiendo la verdad de Dios (Juan 7:17)
El descuido en no enseñarla, (1 Tim. 4:16)
El no estudiarla y enseñarla obstaculiza la oportunidad de practicarla y vivirla (Efesios 4:14,15)
El riesgo de mal interpretar la doctrina (Mt 22:29)
El peligro de enseñar doctrina falsa (1 Tim 4:1)
El error de sustituir la verdadera doctrina por mandamientos de hombres (Mt. 15:9)
El predicarla pero no vivirla (Mt 16:12)

Es por eso que los ministros tenemos una responsabilidad sin paralelo con la doctrina, por lo tanto debemos:

Ser nutridos con ella (1 Tim 4:6)
Atender a la doctrina (1 Tim 4:13,16)
Abrazarla con sinceridad (2 Cor. 2:17; Tito 2:7)
Abrazarla con firmeza (2 Tim. 1:13; Tito 1:9)
Permanecer en la doctrina (1 Tim. 4:16)
Hablar las cosas que convienen (Tito 2:1)
Estudiarla, vivirla y enseñarla (Esdras 7:10)

Hemos mencionado estas listas de riegos y también de deberes con la doctrina, pero que significa la doctrina? El Dr. Wilton Nelson en su Diccionario Ilustrado de la Biblia nos hace un aporte valioso del significado de la palabra doctrina, el cual deseo incluir en esta reflexion del cuidado de la doctrina.

Doctrina en el A.T. significa "lo que es recibido" (Deut 32:2; Proverbios 4:2). Dios es la fuente de conocimiento, por lo que El es llamado "maestro" y sus enseñanzas se manifiestan en "estatutos y decretos" (Det. 4:1), "palabras" (Det. 4:10), y en su voluntad, fundamentalmente contenida en la ley. "Enseñar significa conducir al hombre a la experiencia más íntima con la voluntad de Dios, ya que la doctrina afecta tanto al intelecto como a la voluntad humana. En N.T. se nos enseña que Jesús es el objeto inmediato de la doctrina y la conducta del creyente es el resultado.

Todo lo que se enseña debe apuntar hacia Cristo quien es el modelo del creyente. Es por eso que la vida personal de los ministros debe ser tan pura, como la doctrina, por eso si el siervo del Señor no cuida de sí mismo, su doctrina no tendrá relación con su forma de vivir. Para el ministro enseñar la sana doctrina es su deber ministerial, pero de eso depende también el desarrollo y madurez de aquellos a quienes estamos enseñando.

La doctrina verdadera tiene tres características: Es conforme a la piedad (la reverencia y el temor a Dios y respeto por las enseñanzas bíblicas 1 Tim 6:3; Tito 1:1), es buena (1 Tim. 4:6) y es sana (Tito 2:8). Es muy importante que examinemos lo que estamos enseñando, e aquí algunas formas de probar que lo que estamos enseñando es la buena y sana doctrina:

Se centra y exalta a Jesucristo.
Produce cristianos libres de temor y libres de la condenación y la culpa.
Desarrolla los frutos del Espíritu Santo en la vida de los creyentes.
Produce gente con pasión y amor por Dios y su causa.
Desarrolla la imagen de Cristo en los oyentes.
Alimenta a la gente y afirma la verdad en las mentes de ellos.
Esta basada en la pura Palabra de Dios.
Forma convicciones en las mentes y corazones de los oyentes.
Forma la gente con mentalidades del reino de Dios.
Produce paz y amor en el cuerpo de Cristo.
Confronta y reprende en forma directa la falsa doctrina.

Mis amados ministros del Señor, tenemos dos responsabilidades y actividades que se nos urge atender: Cuidarnos a nosotros mismos y cuidar la doctrina del Señor, porque así ayudaremos a quienes enseñamos, a crecer en Cristo y estar firmes hasta el día que el Señor venga.

Celebrando 25 Años de Ministerio

Saludamos al Rev. Francisco Concepción quien el pasado mes celebró en la iglesia de Princeton sus 25 años de estar activo en el ministerio. A él y toda su familia les deseamos el triple de éxito y bendiciones en los años por venir.

Convencion Hispana de Iglesias y Pastores

El próximo diciembre 1 y 2 llevaremos a cabo la tercera convención de iglesias y pastores hispanos de nuestra Conferencia. Estará ministrando la Palabra de Dios el Rev. Alberto Rizo directamente desde Argentina y en la alabanza el grupo Kairos. Sus oraciones por este evento son grandemente apreciadas.

Take Care of the Doctrine

"Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you." 1 Timothy 4:16

The *God Speaks Today* version of the Bible says, "Be careful of you and of what you are teaching to others; continue firm in everything. If you do so, you will save yourself and will save also those who are listening to you."

I mentioned in the *Evangel* magazine last month that the meaning of the Greek word *Epheco* suggests "devotion of thought and effort to a thing," "to maintain the mind of one toward," and "get hold of, then direct toward." Then also the words "watch over" and "focus" could be used.

The exhortation of Paul is to watch over our conduct (actions and thoughts) and also the ***doctrine*** (what we are teaching). On this occasion I want to focus our attention toward doctrine. If the apostle says to Timothy that he needs to be careful of the doctrine, this means that the doctrine could be in danger. Observe some of the aspects in which the doctrine could be in danger and the reasons we should watch over it:

To ignore the doctrine, not knowing the truth of God (John 7:17)
Neglect in not teaching it (1 Timothy 4:16)
Not studying and teaching it causes blocked opportunity to practice and live it (Ephesians 4:14,15)
The risk of wrong interpretation of the doctrine (Matthew 22:29)
The danger of teaching false doctrine (1 Timothy 4:1)
The error of substituting men's commandments for the true doctrine (Matthew 15:9)
Preaching it but not living it (Matthew 16:12)

We as ministers have responsibility without parallel to the doctrine; therefore we ought to:

Be nurtured with the doctrine (1 Timothy 4:6)
Attend the doctrine (1 Timothy 4:13,16)
Embrace it with sincerity (2 Corinthians. 2:17; Titus 2:7)
Hold fast (2 Timothy. 1:13; Titus 1:9)
Remain in the doctrine (1 Timothy 4:16)
Speak the things that are proper (Titus 2:1)
Study it, live it, and teach it (Ezra 7:10)

We have mentioned this list of things regarding the doctrine, but what does the doctrine mean? Dr. Wilton Nelson in his *Illustrated Dictionary of the Bible* gives us a valuable contribution on the meaning of the word *doctrine*, which I want to include in this reflection. Doctrine in the Old Testament means "what is received" (Deuteronomy 32:2; Proverbs 4:2). God is the source of knowledge, for He is called "teacher," and His teachings are manifested in "statutes and ordinances" (Deuteronomy 4:1), "words" (Deuteronomy 4:10), and in His will, fundamentally contained in the Law. To "teach" means to lead men to the most intimate experience with the will of God, since the doctrine affects so much the intellect as well the human will. The New Testament teaches us that Jesus is the immediate object of the doctrine, and the conduct of the believer is the result.

All that it teaches should point toward Christ, who is the model of the believer. For that reason the personal life of the ministers should be pure, as well the doctrine, because if the servant of the Lord doesn't look after himself, his doctrine won't have a relationship with his form of living. To the minister, to teach the good doctrine is his ministerial duty, but also from that depend the development and maturity of those whom he is teaching.

The true doctrine has three characteristics: 1. It accords with godliness (reverence and fear to God and respect for the biblical teachings; 1 Timothy 6:3; Titus 1:1), 2. It is good (1 Timothy. 4:6) 3. It is healthy (Titus 2:8). It is very important that we examine what we are teaching, and there are some ways of proving that what we are teaching is the good and healthy doctrine:

It is centered in and exalts Jesus Christ.
It produces Christians free of fear and free of condemnation and blame.
It develops the fruits of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believers.
It produces people with passion and love for God and His cause.
It develops the image of Christ in the believers.
It feeds the people and affirms the truth in their minds.
It is based on the pure Word of God.
It forms convictions in the minds and hearts of the listeners.
It forms people with mentality of the Kingdom of God.
It produces peace and love in the body of Christ (the church).
It confronts and corrects false doctrine in direct way.

My beloved ministers of the Lord, we have two responsibilities and activities that we are urged to do: look after ourselves and look after the doctrine of the Lord; in this way we will help those whom we teach to grow in Christ and be firm until the day that the Lord comes.

Celebrating 25 Years of Service

We bless Rev. Francisco Concepcion, who is celebrating his 25 years of service in the ministry; the celebration service was in the church of Princeton. To him and his family our prayer and desire to triple in success and blessings in the years to come.

Hispanic Convention of Pastors and Churches

Next December 1-2 we will have the third Hispanic Convention for pastors and churches of our conference. Rev. Alberto Rizo from Argentina will be speaking, and the group Kairos will be leading the music and praise. Your prayers for this great event will be greatly appreciated.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Jimmie and Angie Pope
Kenya, Africa

Mark 10:13-16 (*The Message*): "The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: 'Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in.' Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them."

Children are a gift from God whether or not they are your own, or yours for a season. Either way, it is our responsibility as Christians to bring children to Christ, so that He may touch them.

The Pope family are new missionaries to Kenya, Africa. We have been here for only four months, but have had the privilege to witness to many children. When we arrived, we immediately began ministering to the children at Calvary Worship Centre (church planted by Philip List). The children's church consisted of about eight children. The whole family went in with excitement of how God could use us to teach these children how to honor God through praise and worship; of His gift of salvation, through Bible stories; and of His many provisions in feeding and medical care. **Praise God we now average 80 children weekly in Children's Church.**

The best part of this scripture is Mark 10:16, when Christ did more than touch them. He took the children into His arms and blessed them. Our ministry is more than just entertaining each week; we are here to lead these children into the very arms of Christ.

Many of the children who attend each Sunday come alone. We were surprised, the first Sunday we had the children sing in front of the main service, that many were there without their parents (over 80 percent).

Many of these children are walking in darkness, not having parents to lead them to where Christ is. It is our opportunity to take these children by the hand with hopes that Christ will touch them. Many of these children are physically healthy, as I assume they were in the Bible; our desire is for God to go deeper than the physical and touch their very souls.

Each week we have a praise and worship team that our two oldest children, Taylor and Gabriel, participate in, along with another missionary child (Janene Wooten) and four African children.

Each Saturday this team meets for two hours to prepare, so they can teach the other children how to usher the presence of the Lord into our Sunday morning service. These children sing and dance before the Lord with an adoration of praise.

We also teach the children on Sunday how we give unto the Lord with our offerings. As the music plays, these beautiful children walk up to the front with reverence and thankfulness and place their shillings in the offering plate. They desire to give back to Him because of how graciously He has given to them.

We have a prayer time that gives the children an opportunity to bring their requests before the Lord. We are teaching them, *"All things are possible with God!"*

We have a special boy in our class whose name is Franklin. He suffers with spina bifida. It may affect his walk, but not his smile. This is a precious young boy who radiates through even the worst of pain.

One Sunday we prayed a faith prayer of healing over Franklin, and every small hand was extended towards him. We teach that prayer changes things.

Our Bible lessons are full of energy and spiritual food. Our goal is not only to train children but also to raise up teachers with God-given talents to help teach children of different ages. We train them through workshops and participation in Sunday services. We want to build their confidence and a strong foundation for children's ministry, so we can move on to other churches whose children need to be spiritually fed. Right now we have five wonderful teachers who have signed up for training.

We always end with a game that reviews what was taught for that day. These children love games, and everyone wants to be first. One Bible lesson was on "the first shall be last, and the last shall be first." That day, everyone wanted to be last.

These are beautiful children, and your prayers and support are helping transform their lives. These children were created for a purpose, and it is our honor to walk them to Christ and watch as He gathers them into His lap and blesses them.

He will use a child for His glory, as was shown recently. One of the African children who come regularly is brought by her older brother each Sunday. Her mother is working upcountry, so she is dependent on him to help her get to church. Because this brother has to wait for her, he has been attending the adult service. Sunday, he gave his life to Christ.

He led his sister by the hand to what he thought was just children's church, but was an opportunity for her to touch Christ. She was blessed when her brother was gathered into the arms of Christ and received salvation.

God is up to something good in the lives of children. Wherever you are, you need to be a part of it.

His Servants,
Jimmie and Angie Pope
(Taylor - 15, Gabriel - 11, Logan - 8, MaKayla - 6)

From the Director…

- We have recently finished the **2006 Church Planters' School** (held on September 22-23), and a very successful one it was with Dr. Ron Carpenter, Dr. Owen Weston, Rev. Macon Wilson, and Rev. David Avila. We had prayed for 30 serious-minded pastors and church planters – praise God for 51! The training was intense and valuable. What an awesome time of information sharing and strategy! We have trusted God and are planning and strategizing for 10 new/organized churches for 2006. At this point, we could reach 20! God is indeed doing great things through the N.C. Conference!

- Pastors/Ministers/Leaders: Mark your calendars for these important dates for 2007:
  - **The Model Church Strategy** — one night each month, April–October. This is vital information; we *must* strengthen our existing churches. Every church can go to the "next level."
  - **Evangelism Rallies** — Monday-Tuesday, February 26-27 with Bishop Tony Miller. His theme will be "Churches Mothering Churches"; this is where we *must* be. The IPHC must become a church-planting movement.

- To all Pastors: Thank you so much for leading the way in **Global Outreach**! This is our greatest year ever! We are still at $301,000 in offerings/pledges. **Please Remember**: If you want your offering to be credited to 2006, it *must* be in our office *no later than* **December 18**.

- Thank you for your **Total Missions Giving**. Through August 2006, as compared to August 2005, we are $88,000 ahead. To God be the Glory!

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To God Be the Glory; Great Things He Has Done!

As we enter into this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to give thanks to God for the incredible things He has done! On September 22, 2006, we had our land dedication, and the opening service for the new N.C. Conference Royal Rangers Campground (now known as Camp Freedom) as part of our 2006 Pow Wow. We had some 337 Rangers registered for this event and God showed up in powerful ways! Bishop Chris Thompson, National Royal Rangers Commander David Moore, and Falcon Children's Home Director T. E. Long were among the guests who joined together to dedicate the land to the glory of God. After the dedication, Brother Greg Dixon (youth pastor at Stedman) gave a great message to our Rangers. Approximately 50 of the boys gave their hearts to Jesus Christ that night!

Though God has helped us to complete the first phase of work at Camp Freedom successfully, this is just the beginning. There is still a lot of work to be done! We are excited about the future of Royal Rangers and Camp Freedom. The camp is open to all ministry groups for use. For more information, please contact the CEM office at 910-980-1162 or cem@nc.rr.com.

The main gate before work began.

Pastor Greg Dixon shares Jesus at Pow Wow 2006.

The main gate on the day of the dedication.

Bathhouse on the day footings were dug.

Bathhouse after completion.

Headquarters building at the beginning of work.

Headquarters building on the day of the dedication.

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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." –John 8:12 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Do We Perceive the Season?

Have you ever heard the statement, "Perception is reality"? Too much of the time, this is true. In working with people, one must surely recognize this is true. It doesn't matter what the actual situation is if people don't see it. Through teaching and conversation, their perception may change. Therefore reality, for them, can change. Reality remains unchanged until they see it.

Many years ago, I left a home and remarked how untidy it was. My visiting companion remarked, "Do you know why it is this way?" I was at a loss for an answer. He said, "They don't see it!" How true this statement was! People do not change or move to action until they see a need or wrong to be righted.

This same principle applies to a thankful heart. God has richly blessed us. There is much to be thankful for, yet we do not see it. We are blinded by our own perceptions.

Remember the story of Balaam in the Old Testament? The Angel of the Lord was standing in a narrow place. The donkey saw him and lay down. Balaam did not see the angel and cursed the creature that did. Balaam was moved to a point in his deception that he thought of hurting the donkey. He was willing to hurt the very thing that had blessed and carried him for years.

Finally the Lord had to do a miracle to get Balaam's attention. The donkey spoke! The Lord opened Balaam's eyes. Finally his perception was clear.

Balaam had a defining moment with the Lord. His life changed and, in a small way, could be used by the Lord to bless His people. Read the whole story in Numbers 22 and 23.

The story should make each of us consider what we are missing. What am I not seeing? Where are my perceptions clouded? Is my paradigm wrong? Is my thinking warped?

This season of the year should also encourage us to ask the same questions. It is election time, thanksgiving time, and a time of spiritual season.

Are we missing all the Lord has done for us? He has given us His Son. Spiritual victory is ours! We may be filled with the Holy Spirit: God Himself. We may be comforted. We may be divinely led! We may be healed. He has a plan for us today. He has a plan for us next year. And so it goes. Recognize Him and act accordingly. Be thankful! Recognize who He is. Lord, allow us to see you and to see your plan!

We live in a great country. Yes, there are problems, but we have basic liberty and are blessed far beyond our worth and all other countries.

Let us see our manifold blessings. Let us be thankful. Let us execute our privilege to vote. Lord, let us stop complaining and move to action.

We have a great church! Our doctrine and our agenda are right. We have an abundance of lost who need to be saved. We have been given a mission. Yes there are things that need to be worked on and tweaked, and things that need to be changed. But see it, understand it, and be thankful for it – *the good far outweighs the bad*. May the Lord grant the right perception. He is on the throne. The Holy Spirit is here. He will guide and direct. The church, our church, is God's institution.

I want to see clearly. I desire to know God in a greater way. It is the beat of my heart to be anointed more fully to do His work. May my perceptions be real, and be His perceptions.

Lord, help me not to take your blessings for granted. Help me to appreciate my country and be more thankful for my God and all His bountiful blessings. Help me to love my companion and family in a greater and fuller way. Help me to do my job better. Help me to hear His voice. Help me to see the lost better. Help me to feel their pain. Open me up to the needs of a hurting society. *Above all – help me to be thankful. I am greatly blessed. Help me to practice His blessings!*

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Women's Conference

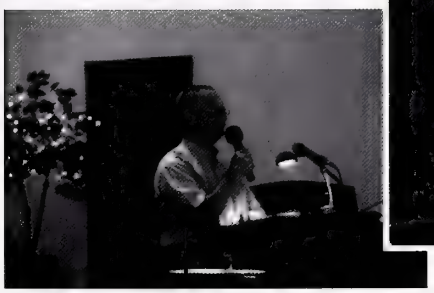
Heritage PH Church hosted our first women's conference on Saturday, September 23, 2006. Pastor T. P. Davis welcomed the ladies. Rev. Patsy Vaughan led the opening prayer. Praise and worship was led by Heritage Praise and Worship team, with special music by Dawn Hill and Heritage Trio. We were honored that Mrs. Linda Thomas, the general Women's Ministries director and a member of the N.C. Conference board, attended and provided the music for the altar service.

Carol Davis spoke from the book of Jeremiah, reminding us that God is the Potter and we are the clay. Anita Jones presented an object lesson on how easily sin can entangle us and how we can be set free.

Lunch was served by the ladies of Heritage PH Church. The ladies enjoyed fellowship with one another.

Rev. Janice Marshburn delivered a dynamic sermon on dry bones taken from the book of Ezekiel. Rev. Janice Marshburn, Rev. Patsy Vaughan, and Carol Davis ministered to all the ladies present. Many ladies testified to being set free and renewed. The Holy Spirit was present from the opening welcome by Pastor Davis until the last "Amen!"

There are already plans in the making for another women's conference in 2007.



Pastor T.P. Davis welcoming ladies to Women's Conference at Heritage P.H. Church, September 23, 2006.

Ladies leaving after being renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Carol Davis introducting keynote speaker for Women's conference Rev. Janice Marshburn.

Ladies being ministered to by Rev. Patsy Vaughan, Rev. Janice Marshburn and Carol Davis.

Ladies enjoying fellowship in Heritage newly remodeled fellowship hall.

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

for December 2006 and January 2007

Tommy Spikes	12/05	King White	1/11
Paul Weaver	12/15	Buck Parnell	1/16
Wiley Clark	12/15	Jimmy Swinson	1/18
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Book Reviews

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The Perfect Leader: Practicing the Leadership Traits of God

by Kenneth Boa. Colorado Springs: Cook Communication Ministries. 256 pages.

What greater model for leadership exists than the model God, the supreme leader, gives to us in His Holy Word? The greatest, most influential leader of human history is Jesus Christ. When God acts, based on His holy character and divine attributes, you know His act is right and perfect every time. We need more than worldly methods and advice doctored with a little Scripture now and then. We need godly wisdom based on sound Scriptural teaching. Leadership is not about position as much as about principles. Godly, victorious leadership operates from biblical principles, the kind we find in God's actions as recorded in His Word. The central premise of this book is that God, our invincible, sovereign ally, has demonstrated principles for leadership that can be used profitably by all people in a position to lead others.

Consisting of 16 chapters and 3 main divisions – (1) the Attributes of the Perfect Leader, (2) the Skills Seen in the Perfect Leader, and (3) the Relationships of the Perfect Leader – the book would make a wonderful 13-week Sunday school or Wednesday night Bible study on principles of leadership. A reader's guide is provided at the end of the book for personal reflections or group discussion. Prominent statements in the book include the following:

- If we do not serve the Creator, we will unavoidably serve some part of the creation.
- God alone is the worthy object of our total commitment.
- Humility precedes elevation.
- The values of our culture are shallow and subjective, but the moral standards of Scripture reflect God's absolute and unchanging character.
- God is concerned with what we are really like when no one else is looking.
- The need for affirming one another is crucial to our process of becoming real, not phony or hypocritical, people of God.
- A good mentor will see potential in another person and desire to bring that potential to its fulfillment.
- If anyone wants to be first, he must be the last and the servant of all.

Leaders will find this a refreshing explanation and application of biblical leadership.

Preaching the Old Testament

Scott M. Gibson, editor. Grand Rapids, Baker Books. 222 pages.

Gibson, the Haddon W. Robinson Professor of Preaching and Ministry at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, has brought to bear 11 authors, including himself, to honor Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., an Old Testament scholar, by addressing the need to preach the Old Testament, which provides the foundation for the depth and beauty of New Testament teaching. The temptation of some preachers today is to avoid the Old Testament for its apparent irrelevancy to those in the pew. No one in our times has called the church more relentlessly to the demanding task of preaching from Old Testament texts regularly and rigorously than Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.

Haddon Robinson added in his foreword to the book, "Avoiding the Old Testament resembles strolling into the theater for the final act of a play and ignoring completely what the play is really about. It is to assume the playwright wouldn't expect anyone to take the first two acts of the play seriously." The Old Testament is a priceless treasure that centers on Jesus and is not properly read or understood until it leads to Him. The Old Testament should be taught and preached faithful in the final days of the Age of the Spirit.

The book is a resource for preachers who desire the necessary tools to preach the Old Testament, which includes a variety of genres. The 11 chapters include "Challenges to Preaching the Old Testament," "Keeping Your Hebrew Healthy," "Preaching From the Historical Books," "Preaching the Old Testament Narratives," "Preaching From the Law," "Preaching From the Prophets," "Preaching From the Psalms and Proverbs," "Preaching the Old Testament in Light of Its Culture," Toward the Effective Preaching of New Testament Texts That Cite the Old Testament," "Preaching the Old Testament Today," and "Preaching the Old Testament Evangelistically." We will be better preachers if we attend carefully to what these chapters say.

Timothy Laniak states, "Surely any law, poem, or historical account written 2,500 to 3,500 years ago should strike a modern reader as foreign. This is no less true for sacred Scripture. Reading the Bible is a sustained cross-cultural endeavor. Distance and difference should be obvious; what is in common should be surprising. When preachers sensitively lead their listeners in this encounter, it will generate a wide range of effects. It can be fascinating, enlightening, enchanting, haunting, mystifying, and inspiring, all at the same time.

The value of the Old Testament lies in more than its historical, cultural, and political elements. In it, God reveals His nature, character, standards, promises, and His perfect plan. The preacher's task, of course, is to demystify the Scripture so that the postmodern listener can understand the salient principles with universal applications. The same God who gave the Law is the One who gave the Savior of those dead under the Law. The Old Testament shows us Jesus and prepares us to hear His words and see His actions as those of God. The cosmos may be the theater of God's general revelation, but Christ is God's conclusive, special revelation. At times, God had to open the eyes of people so they might see the things present in another dimension. May He now help us to see again the tremendous value of the Old Testament and proclaim the whole Word to the whole world.

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40 Evidences of a Person Who Prays and Intercedes

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A gatekeeper
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A watchman on the wall
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Unites with others to pray
Prays everywhere and at all times
Receives and gives the prophetic Word
Desires to know the heart of the Father
People acknowledge and sense God
Passion for God and His kingdom work
Brings exhortation, and admonishment
Lover of God, the lost, and other believers
Willing to suffer rejection for the cause of Christ
Carrier of God's presence and His sweet aroma
The fragrance of prayer and worship is manifested
Dependence on God's guidance, anointing, and strength
Awakens in the middle of the night by the Holy Spirit
A balance life of praise, worship, prayer, and intercession
Submits to spiritual authority and delegated authority
Upholds the vision and mission of the person in authority
Enjoys praying and interceding for a long period of time
Warfares in praise, worship, prayer, travail, and intercession
Understands seasons and times
Discerns the plans of the enemy
Is concerned with the will of God
Sets and changes atmosphere
Exercises spiritual authority
Obtains revelation from God
Maintains a teachable spirit
Receives dreams and visions
Stands in the gap for others
Never ceases to pursue God
Speaks messages from God
Discerns the plans of God
Discerns the voice of God
Yearns to seek God's will

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The year has gone by fast, and much has been accomplished for the Kingdom of God. Souls have been won; many have been baptized; others have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit; others received their healing; many have been delivered; prodigals have come home; churches have been planted, and some organized; missionaries have been sent forth; many have been licensed and ordained; buildings have been built; new members have been added; new churches have joined our conference – and it's all because you have sought God in times of praise, worship, prayer, and intercession.

World Intercession Network "WIN" of the North Carolina Conference of the IPHC thanks you for the gift of prayer.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"(Acts 20:35)

One of the greatest gifts we can give during this Christmas season is to *"Stay in Touch"* with our missionaries and our military men and women.

The purpose of this ministry is to encourage active IPHC missionaries by staying in touch through cards, letters, e-mail, and prayer. Include church news, news clippings, comic strips – anything to give them a bit of home away from home. Ask them how you can pray for them; then do it. Remember birthdays and holidays. A cheerful card from your local Women's Ministries group or church can really be an encouragement.

Missionary assignments for the North Carolina Conference Women's Ministries were mailed in the December newsletter.

Want to do something for our military men and women? Ask church members for the names and addresses of family and friends stationed overseas. There may be someone who has little contact from those in the United States. Church families can adopt a military member and send him notes, pray, and provide regular care packages. Your mail can be a lifeline to a lonely soldier, sailor, or airman.

May God richly bless you and your family this Christmas.

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy" and the NCWM Board

Feast of Ingathering 2006

Total Gifts: $64,711.20

Top Five Churches:
Kinston First – $14,000
Greenville First – $6,257.82
Holly Hill – $3,100
Goldsboro First – $3,000
Moore's Chapel – $2,500

Fun and Laughter

Eastside W.M. ladies gathered at the church on Sunday afternoon for a Tea and Hat Party, led by Director Marlene Hinson, our pastor's wife. After prayer and devotion, the ladies showed off their hats, and everyone voted on the most unique, the ugliest, and the prettiest hat. Rose paraded around showing off her hat; it won, hands down, as the most unusual yet ugly; Marlene's won the prettiest. Everyone received a small gift; the fellowship was good, and it was a day to remember with fun and laughter.

–Rev. Patsy Payne
Fayetteville District Director

POTPOURRI....

... DISPLAY CARDS:

- Hang a piece of silver cord from one end of the mantel to the other. Paint clothespins silver and use to hang cards.
- Put a bunch of branches in a tall vase. String with delicate lights. As cards arrive, hang them on the branches.
- Tuck cards around the frames of mirrors.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Azusa Street East Celebration

The Azusa Street East Celebration is coming quickly. This is the 100th-year celebration of Rev. Gaston Barnabas Cashwell's revival in Dunn, N.C., after he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles, California.

Rev. Cashwell was a minister in the Pentecostal Holiness Church here in North Carolina. His home was in Dunn, and he was originally raised in the Hall's Township section of Sampson County on Highway 701.

G. B. Cashwell wrote in the December 1906 issue of *The Apostolic Faith*, "About two months ago, I began to read in the *Way of Faith* the reports of the meeting in Azusa Mission, Los Angeles. I had been preaching holiness for nine years, but my soul began to hunger and thirst for the fullness of God. The Spirit led me more and more to seek my Pentecost. After praying and weeping before God for many days, He put it into my heart to go to Los Angeles to seek the Baptism with the Holy Ghost."

Rev. G. F. Taylor wrote in the March 17, 1921, *Pentecostal Holiness Advocate* (while giving the church history of the Pentecostal Holiness Church), "The church did not yet catch the true significance of what was coming. Many of us were much interested in the California revival, but we did not think of its interfering with our doctrine. We took it as a great outpouring of the Spirit in addition to what we had already received or as a revival in perfect harmony with our doctrines, just such as we are praying for a revival today. We never thought of the holiness people fighting it, or that it would set any of them aside; but thought we would have a gracious revival in our midst, in perfect harmony with our doctrines, with the speaking in other tongues as a gift of the Spirit. So we were praying earnestly for it to come."

Brother Cashwell returned home on fire with the desire to tell the good news of Pentecost to all who would hear. He rented a large, three-story tobacco prizery warehouse in Dunn, N.C., for services from December 31, 1906, to January 1907. We are not sure of the exact length of the revival, but it was between three and four weeks. The invitation was given to all who were hungry for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Rev. G. F. Taylor, in the *Advocate* article, said, "People came from every direction, and from all over the south. People of all denominations came to this meeting. A large part of the preachers of the Holiness Church and many of the lay members were there. Many from the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church also attended."

Brother Taylor also wrote, "What did our preachers and people do about it? They went to Dunn by the dozens, went down for the Baptism with all the earnestness they could command, and were soon happy in the experience, speaking in tongues, singing in tongues, writing in tongues, shouting, leaping, dancing and praising God. They returned to their respective homes to scatter the fire. Great Pentecostal revivals broke out in practically all the churches. Some of the preachers and some of the laymen held back, but the majority went right into the experience. A great revival had come and no one was able to stop it."

Brother Cashwell went out from these services to preach the baptism of the Holy Spirit all over the East Coast. He received invitations to spread the doctrine of the Holy Ghost Baptism. Many would-be leaders of other Pentecostal denominations received their baptism during these services in different parts of the country.

Just like the participants of that great revival, let us ever hunger for more of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As Rev. H. H. Goff said before he received the baptism, "I want it worse than anything in all the world" (from *Fifty Years on the Battlefield for God* by Florence Goff).

May we go to the meetings expecting God, as my husband says, "to do it again." May God bless your Christmas with peace and joy, and we look forward to seeing you at the Azusa East Celebration!

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Christmas Throughout the Year

When I think of Christmas, I think of the time we were in Israel and were leaving to come home. We left the hotel sometime after 10:00 at night, and the full moon was shining over the countryside as we rode along in the big tour buses.

While watching the moon and seeing the countryside go by, I could not help but see the angel of the Lord hovering in the sky above shepherds in the field, proclaiming, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

In thinking of this great event that happened so many centuries ago, my heart still burns with excitement, joy, peace, and love for this precious baby who became our Savior and King. How could we not feel many different emotions in thinking about our Lord?

During the Christmas season, we feel many different emotions. We feel excitement about all the festivities, decorations, giving and receiving gifts, praying for cold and snowy weather. We feel joy in seeing all the happiness in the faces of children. We feel a peace that comes only through living a life in Jesus Christ.

To sum it up, we can feel all these emotions throughout the year if we see Christ as our joy, peace, love, and many other emotions that our Lord gives to us.

Even today, I can have Christmas in my heart by just thinking about my Lord, not only as a precious baby no one could resist, but as a grown man who came to earth to be our redeemer, friend, counselor, and much more! Let us strive, during this season and through the year, to think of the God we serve as the receiver of our love and appreciation for His coming to us in this holy time.

May God bless you and yours in this special time of year.

Christmas Parties

We look forward to seeing each of you at the district Christmas parties. Please make every effort to be at your district's party. We need to support your district director in everything he does for the conference and for us. See you then!

Retired Ministers, Their Wives, and Widows of Ministers

I know I may be trespassing on Brother Wiley's territory, but I feel the need to say something to you about our retired ministers, their spouses, and the widows of ministers. I feel the sponsorship program for the Christmas season is a good thing, but I guess I am concerned that some may be left out each year.

My proposal is that when a church or group decides to sponsor a minister and his spouse or a widow, they should let Brother Wiley know whom they are sponsoring and let him check the name(s) off the list. Then if someone calls and wants to know who hasn't been sponsored, he or she can have a choice of the names. Some ministers have served only in certain districts and may not be known to all the churches, and I feel this would be a way of taking care of the problem.

The Lord has dealt with me lately about the needs of our seniors. Many things come up that they may not know how to deal with; I feel there is a need for an advocate to help with financial decisions, medical situations, and even housing problems. These are precious people who have given their lives to serve God and, because of circumstances, cannot even meet their bills. There are times they may have been deceived by scam artists and did not have anyone to confide in for help. Let's pray about this and ask the Lord what He would have us to do. May God bless.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Celebrating her 91st birthday

Home For Christmas

One of my favorite songs during the holiday season is "I'll Be Home for Christmas." At our house, we get all excited every year about decorating, buying gifts, baking Christmas goodies, and our family and friends coming to visit. There's no other season of the year quite like Christmas.

It has been a long time ago, but often when I think of *home*, I think of a little house on a little piece of real estate called Runnymede in my hometown of Tarboro, N.C. That little house was my home for most of my life until Jean and I were married in 1954. My parents must have moved there shortly after I was born because I don't remember living anywhere else. It was surely not a fancy house. There were many other houses built in this mill village using the same floor plan ... four rooms and a path. (Know what I mean?) I remember when the cold winter winds blew, the window curtains would wave as if a small fan blew against them. The slightest rain would sound like a downpour on the tin roof. When we opened the windows in summer, we had to prop them up with a stick. I remember so well Mama's linoleum-covered floors. The entire floor was covered except for about two feet around the edge of the room that was always painted with an oak-colored paint. Our kitchen table was covered with oilcloth, usually of a checkered design purchased from the five & dime store. We slept on springs covered with four-inch cotton mattresses. In the kitchen we had a four-burner oil stove with an oven on which my mother could cook some of the best food in the world. Be it ever so humble, it was home! I don't suppose I will ever forget that house and those happy, carefree years.

My house today is better than the one I grew up in, but my "home" is still very much the same. Because home is where the heart is. It is where love reigns, a place of safety and security. It is a place where selfishness and discord have no place, but where gentleness and love are practiced daily. It is a place where Jean and I find joy and happiness and companionship with our children, grandchildren, and friends. We are thankful for that.

Our thanksgiving goes back to those earlier years when we gave our hearts to the Lord. We realize that what we have today would never have happened had we rejected the Savior and gone another way. We shudder to think what our lives would have been like without Jesus. We are so glad we accepted Him!

The Christmas season reminds us that all of this had its beginnings many years ago in a little town called Bethlehem, where the Christ child was born in the most humble of places ... a stable.

So it really makes little difference where we live or how humble or elegant our earthly house is. What makes the difference is that this Christ child, whose birth radiated such love and hope for the world, lives in our hearts. -WTC

Where Are They Now...?

Conrad and Mavis Hall

Conrad Hall was a young man of 14 when God saved him. During his high school days, God called him to preach. Knowing what God wanted him to do, he prepared himself for ministry by attending Bible colleges in Texas and Oklahoma. He joined the conference in 1949, and in 1952 he married a little lady from Chadbourn, N.C., named Mavis Cheshire. After Conrad completed his college work, he conducted a four-week tent revival in Chadbourn that resulted in the establishment of the Chadbourn PH Church. Before his retirement in 1990, Conrad and Mavis had spent 41 years in ministry, pastoring 5 churches and serving in various positions on both the conference and general levels of the Church.

Retirement to the Halls was then and is today just a word, *and it doesn't mean quit!* It meant to them only a shift to other ministries. Hardly a day goes by that they are not busy in their **"We Care"** ministry, a multifaceted ministry of sharing the message of hope and love with the less fortunate. Christmas and Easter are especially busy times for the Halls as they share their fruitful harvest with the young and old, the needy and sick of their community and beyond. Theirs is an ongoing, everyday sharing and winning souls to the Lord. Conrad says, *"You see, we're not retired but are pressing on to fulfill the Father's purpose for our lives."*

Alice and Pascal (H. P.)Woodard

Many small churches in our conference cannot afford a pastor who must depend solely on the church for his livelihood. So the Lord places God-called, capable leaders in the right place to serve the needs of the smaller church. H. P. Woodard could have pastored the most demanding church in our conference, but God saw fit to bless him with a good job with the federal government, affording him the opportunity to minister in our small churches. He was saved in 1949 and joined the conference in 1952. He and Alice were married in 1947, and she has served faithfully by the side of her bivocational husband in all their 31 years of pastoral service. They live in New Bern and attend the Reelsboro PH Church, a church he pastored for 23 years. Their health is good, and H. P. preaches at every opportunity. He and Alice enjoy their family immensely. Alice writes, "We are just waiting for our call to come home, but until then we'll keep looking up, knowing our redemption draweth nigh."

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A Well-Deserved Thanks!

From the staff of the N.C. Conference Men's Ministries, we would like to say "Thank you" for all your support and prayers throughout the year 2006. We have tried to reach and encourage all men in our conference.

Our mission is to continue to reach men and share the love of Jesus Christ so that the lives of men and their families may be changed forever. We will continue to pray for you as we ask you to pray for us.

The N.C. Men's Ministries has come a long way, but we still have a lot to do. As long as we are on this earth, God's work is not finished. We are here to serve the N.C. Conference in whatever way we can to build the kingdom of God.

One way we all can help is to continue to lift up our pastors. All our pastors and leaders are under a tremendous amount of pressure, thanks to the fast-moving society we live in today. Let your pastor know today that you are praying for him and will help him in any way he needs.

Working for the Lord is not easy. In Luke 10:3, He says, "I send you forth as lambs among wolves." We can defeat the wolves if we all come together and work as one. Men's Ministries is moving together in one accord with you.

To help us accomplish our goals, we added new staff members. Now serving the N.C. Men's Ministries are the following:

Ronnie Basden, Director
Jack Nicholson, Assistant Director
James Hicks, Secretary/Treasurer
Gordon Knox, Board Member
Miguel Figueroa, Board Member
J. P. Smith, Board Member
Ernie Jenkins, Williamston District Director
David Nesbitt, Greenville District Director
Larry Sullivan, Goldsboro District Director
Jack Kelly, Fayetteville District Director
Bob Lowry, Clinton District

Please mark your calendars now:

Men's Advance

September 14 and 15, 2007

Guest Speaker: Ron Handley
"The Character of a Man"

Again, thank you, and may God bless you all!

–Ronnie Basden
N.C. Men's Ministries Director

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Ore por el Ministerio Hispano

El año 2006 está por teminar, y hay muchas cosas acerca de este año, por las cuales debemos celebrar y alabar a Dios; solo Su poder y gracia ha hecho posible tantas cosas buenas. Pero ahora estamos a las puertas de un nuevo año, el 2007. Nuestras expectativas son grandes y aquí deseo poner en práctica aquel decir: "Espere grandes cosas de Dios, haga grandes cosas para Dios". Para este próximo año 2007, siento en mi corazón luchar por alcanzar las siguientes metas, por las cuales le pido su oración y apoyo.

Metas Para el Año 2007

1. Crear un plan y programa de mentorización para los ministros.
2. Revitalizar las iglesias con el plan de estudios "La Iglesia Modelo".
3. Aumentar el fondo Pastoral Hispano a $ 15.000 (quince mil dolares).
4. Crear un equipo de mujeres para trabajar en el ministerio de mujeres esposas de ministros.
5. Aumentar la participación de los ministros a las actividades principales de la Conferencia en un 100%.
6. Empezar o establecer 10 iglesias nuevas.
7. Identificar, entrenar y lanzar al ministerio a 10 nuevos ministros de nuestras iglesias.
8. Lograr que el 50% de las iglesias adopten un plan de crecimiento y discipulado en sus congregaciones, intencionado y efectivo.
9. Crear un banco de recursos en cuanto a dones, talentos y habilidades de los pastores y ministros, para ponerlos al servicio de las mismas iglesias de la Conferencia.
10. Lograr un alcance mayor en el crecimiento y fortalecimiento de nuestra juventud, los niños, los hombres y las mujeres en nuestras iglesias, por medio de la provisión de la orientación y programas, ideas y proyectos suministrados por nuestra Conferencia.

Nuestra Mirada Hacia el Horizonte

Como ministros y líderes en la obra de Dios debemos tener la capacidad de proyectarnos para el tiempo por venir. En las postrimerias de este año, es preciso que podamos definir las metas que queremos alcanzar para el próximo. Para esto hay tres cosas contra las cuales debemos luchar:

El conformismo. El estado actual de las cosas puede hacernos sentir cómodos, de modo que no queremos ir más allá de donde hemos llegado. Si esto es así, debemos reconocerlo y avanzar hacia la siguiente etapa o nivel.

Temor: No es malo tener temor, lo que es malo es no vencerlo. El temor puede paralizarnos en ir un paso hacia adelante y lograr cosas mayores para Dios. El temor es vencido con la fe. Creer que en Dios podemos lograrlo.

Falta de orientación: El no saber hacia donde va, no solo es desgastante, sino que también le hace perder muchos recursos. Una frase dice: "El barco que no tiene un puerto seguro a donde llegar, cualquier viento le es favorable". Si no sabemos para donde vamos, no estamos buscando la voluntad de Dios.

El Dr. Maxwell nos recuerda que para mantenernos renovados y avanzando son necesarias las siguientes acciones:

1. Cure su enfermedad de destino. Si no nos estamos renovando, es porque estamos apoyándonos demasiado en los logros alcanzados. Si usted se detiene en su crecimiento, también se detiene para poder dirigir.
2. Venza sus éxitos. El éxito a menudo nos impide seguir creciendo. Mire no a los trofeos pasados, sino a las metas futuras.
3. Evite los atajos. Todo lo que cuesta tiene un precio. Muchas veces queremos las cosas en una forma más facil y rápida, pero nos olvidamos del esfuerzo, la dedicación y la entrega en lo que estamos haciendo.
4. Trate con el orgullo. Admita que usted no lo sabe todo, aunque sepa hacer algunas cosas. Aquí es donde debemos también resltar el hecho de que nos necesitamos unos a otros y también necesitamos de todos los recursos que nos ofrece nuestra Conferencia para capacitarnos y ser mejores líderes.
5. Nunca pague el precio por el mismo error. Crecimiento significa que usted cometerá errores, pero tienes que aprender de cada uno de ellos.

Termino diciendo que la oración, el conocimiento, y la unidad con otros consiervos en la obra de Dios, serán determinantes en este próximo año para nuestro éxito en el trabajo que estamos haciendo para Dios. Lucas 2:52 "Y Jesús crecía en sabiduría y en estatura, y en gracia para con Dios y los hombres." Este crecimiento de Jesús no se detuvo a la edad de 12 años en la vida de Jesús. Todos los buenos líderes mejoran con sus propias experiencias y se mantienen aprendiendo, renovando y creciendo todo el tiempo de sus vidas.

FELIZ NAVIDAD Y UN AÑO 2007 LLENO DE BENDICIONES, LES DESEA EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Pray for the Hispanic Ministry

The year 2006 is almost finished, and there are many things about this year for which we should celebrate and praise God because only with His power and grace have so many good things been possible. But we now are at the door of a new year, 2007. Our expectations are big, and I want to put into practice the saying, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." For this next year, 2007, I feel in my heart to work in order to reach the following goals, for which I ask your prayers and support:

Goals for 2007

1. Create a program of mentorship for our Hispanic ministers.
2. Revitalize the churches with the plan of studies "The Church Model."
3. Increase the Hispanic Pastoral Fund to $15,000.
4. Create a team of women leaders to ministry to ministers' wives.
5. Increase the participation of the ministers in the main activities of the conference to 100%.
6. Begin and establish 10 new churches.
7. Identify, train, and send to the ministry at least 10 new ministers from our churches.
8. Reach the goal that 65% of the churches adopt a plan of growth and discipleship among their people.
9. Create a bank of resources, as in gifts, talents, and abilities of the pastors and ministers, in order to put them to the service of the churches of the conference.
10. Achieve a greater reach in the growth and invigoration of our youth, children, men, and women in our churches by means of the provision, training, programs, ideas, and projects given by our conference.

Our Look to the Horizon

As ministers and leaders of God's work, we must have the capacity to project for the future. At the close of 2006, we have to define the goals we want to reach for next year. There are three things we have to resist and fight against:

Conformism: This is the present state of things, and this can make us feel comfortable, hindering us from going beyond where we are now. If we are like that, we must recognize and take a step to the next level.

Fear: It is not negative to have fear; what is negative is not to overcome the fear. Fear can paralyze us and make us not go another step ahead to achieve greater things for God. Fear can be overcome with faith: to believe in God that we can reach our goal.

Lack of orientation: To have no knowledge of where to go not only wears us down, but also makes us lose many resources. One said it this way: "The ship that does not have a secure port to arrive, any wind for it is good." If we do not know where to go, we are not seeking the will of God.

Dr. Maxwell reminds us that in order for us to remain renovated and advancing, we need the following actions:

1. Cure your destination disease. If we are not renovating ourselves, is because we are rooted in achievement. If you stop growing, you stop leading.
2. Overcome your success. Success often hinders growing. Look not at past trophies, but future goals.
3. Swear off shortcuts. Everything valuable has a price. Many times we want things in an easier and faster way, forgetting the effort, dedication, and devotion we have to have in all that we are doing.
4. Trade in your pride. Admit you don't know everything, even though you do know some things. Here is where I want to emphasize the fact that we need each other and we need all the resources that the conference has given us for our training to be more effective leaders.
5. Never pay the price of the same mistake twice. Growth means you'll make mistakes, but you must learn from each of them.

I want to finish by saying that prayer, knowledge, and good relationships with other leaders of God will determine that the next year will have success in the work we are doing for our God. Luke 2:52 says, "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Jesus did not stop growing at age of 12. This teaches us that all good leaders learn from their own experiences, and keep learning, renovating, and growing all their lives.

FROM THE HISPANIC MINISTRY WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A YEAR 2007 FULL OF BLESSINGS

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Just a few days ago I read an article on an online news service that greatly excited me. It was the news of a policy change concerning the "holiday season" by a number of major retail stores. For several years the terms "Christmas season," "Merry Christmas," and "Christmas tree" have been deemed politically or culturally incorrect. They were replaced by "Happy Holidays," "Holiday tree," etc. It is extraordinary to me to note that the more blessed America has become, the more we struggle with recognizing who God is and what Jesus the Son has provided for us through the grace of our Father. However these changes in how some major retailers will address the Christmas Season does indeed spark excitement.

Yes another *blessed year* is almost completed, and as we are now past the Thanksgiving season, we approach that time again when we celebrate the birth of Christ, our Savior and King. For the next few moments I want to celebrate with the spirit of anticipation as we study one of the scriptures that examines His entrance into the realm of humanity.

"That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."– John 1:9-14

Everything that surrounds the birth of our Lord and Savior is indeed miraculous; everything that God undertook to bring about this miraculous event was totally the display of His infinite love; and everything about this miraculous event was completely and uniquely for the sake of the Salvation of mankind. Each of the three renderings of the first coming of the Messiah is uniquely presented.

When I look at verse 14, I am awed and amazed by the fact that this was totally God's idea; it was not forced on the Godhead; according to my understanding of Acts 2:23, it was God saying, "This is the only way for reconciliation." Bethlehem to Calvary was not plan B; it was the "only way."

"And the Word became flesh" – In Philippians 2:7 Paul said it this way: "But made Himself of no reputation, taking upon Himself the form of a servant and coming in the likeness of man." As many times as I could ever read these scriptures or the commentary or books geared towards the explanation of these facts, I could never understand or fathom this miracle of God's love and compassion: God's taking upon Himself flesh; with the Psalmist I say – *Selah!*

"And dwelt among us" – What a powerful thought! He didn't come to a palace, or to a priest's home or to the home of a wealthy couple, but to the home of a newly married couple who were of meager means. However, God clothed in flesh chose to "pitch his tent" among us; He chose to reside among the masses of the people.

"And we beheld His glory" – As Mary and Joseph looked into His face, they "beheld" His glory; as the shepherds came swiftly yet timidly that night and squinted in the dim light of the stable (cave), they "beheld" His glory; and months later, when the Magi arrived and knelt before Him in worship and adoration, they "beheld" His glory. The word for "beheld" carries with it the thought of a continuing or lifelong action. It means to look or inspect closely, to meditate, to contemplate, to recognize, to acknowledge, gazing with widened eyes at something remarkable.

When we look into the manger and "behold" His glory, we are looking into the face of God in all His majesty, power, authority, etc.

We contemplatively "beheld" His glory in Bethlehem, and we should ever celebrate the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior without losing Him in the store aisles and secular celebrations.

We "beheld" His glory as we read of His 33 years of living among us, walking the dusty and tiring paths of Israel, pointing us to the Father and proclaiming Himself for who He was and is today: The Son of God, who came to *"seek and to save that which was lost."*

We "beheld" His glory as we saw Him delivered into men's hands, treated shamefully, rejected, humiliated, judged as a criminal, stripped of His clothing, mockingly crowned with thorns, beaten unmercifully, bearing His own instrument of death, walking the streets of Jerusalem out to Golgotha, and there "laying down His life" for every human being. No human was ever born for whom Christ did not die. We "beheld" His Glory indeed, and His fathomless love and compassion for us, because in His suffering and dying, "no man took His life," but He laid it down. – *John 10:17, 18*

We "beheld" His glory when, on the third day, Jesus came out of the tomb. – *John 2:18-21*

He laid down His life that He might take it up again. What a miracle indeed that the One who died to make provision for and secure pardon for our sins rose from the dead to promise eternal life to those who believe in Him!

We "beheld" His glory when, forty days later in the presence of many of His followers, He ascended up from the Mount of Olives, and as they stood "beholding" Him going up, the angels promised, *"This same Jesus whom ye see going up shall so come in like fashion."* – Acts 1:10, 11

We will "behold" Him again in His glory when He comes to catch (rapture) the bride away. That event is near, yet while we wait, let's "behold" His glory, celebrate His birth, carry the message of Salvation to the four corners of this globe, and anticipate His coming again!

NICOLE, ROSE, AND I WISH YOU A CHRIST-FILLED, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NC Evangelism/World Missions 2007 Dates

Model Church Strategy Sessions
April 3
May 1
June 5
July 10
August 21
October 2

Great Commission Meals
March 5-20

Missions FESTS
October 3-6

Evangelism Appreciation Banquets
April 16-17

Evangelism Rallies
February 26-28

Global Outreach Celebration
August 12

Christmas Parties
November 26 – December 7

Watch your mail and *The Evangel.* More information will be shared as each event draws closer.

Thank you for your concern, vision, and faithfulness in supporting Evangelism and World Missions!

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

A Christmas Thought

by Charles Boyd, CEM Director

Living in a house with a 9-year-old, a 6-year-old, and an almost-5-year-old, this time of the year is truly "the most wonderful time of the year." And with Christmas right around the corner, one of Laura's and my top concerns is how to deal with our 9-year-old's growing curiosity about "Who is Santa Claus?" Recently, I found this article, which gives an interesting and thought-provoking view on how to handle that question.

"Why Santa Isn't Such a Bad Guy..."

I have quite a few people write to me and tell me there's too much Santa in Christmas. In the sense that we equate Santa with commercialism, I think they're right. But I like to believe there's a bit more to jolly old St. Nick than the shopping malls would have us believe

The character of Santa Claus is copied from the life of a real person, a saint named Nicholas. Saint Nicholas was a Christian saint – and he was very real. He was the bishop of a city named Myra in Turkey in the early part of the fourth century.

The most common story told about St. Nicholas has to do with three young sisters who were very poor. Their parents were so poor that they did not have enough money for the daughters to get married. Every young girl needed money to pay for her wedding and to set up house for herself. Nicholas heard about this family and wanted to help them, but he did not want anyone to know that he was the one who was helping them.

Saint Nicholas climbed up on their roof three nights in a row and threw gold coins down their chimney so they would land in the girls' stockings, which had been hung by the fire to dry. After two of his daughters had been able to marry because of the money mysteriously appearing in their stockings, the father was determined to find out who was helping them, so he hid behind the chimney the next night.

When he was discovered, Bishop Nicholas asked the father not to tell anyone else, but the father wanted everyone to know what a good and generous man Bishop Nicholas was, so he told everyone he knew. That is how we have the story and the tradition of stockings full of gifts today.

Add gifts for the poor to your list of Christmas "to dos." Help your children make presents for others to stress the giving side of things. Even little things like baking cookies for Santa and leaving carrots for the reindeer can show them how wonderful the anticipation of giving can be. (Will Santa like my cookies? Will the reindeer eat the carrots?)

Santa is about giving, hope, and faith. Keep him that way in your household, and he just may begin to grow on you.

From my family and me, the CEM Department, and the CEM Board, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

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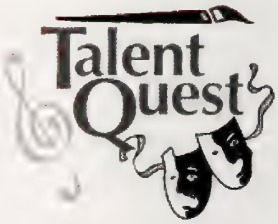

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